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CITY OF GARDINER.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS, ANNUAL REPORTS,

CITY GOVERNMENT, JOINT COMMITTEES, LIST
OF TAXES, ETC.

MARCH, 1878.



GARDINER:

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1878.

CITY OF GARDINER, }
In Board of Aldermen, May 6, 1878. }

Ordered, the Common Council concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Printing be and are hereby directed to arrange the reports of the several city officials for the past municipal year, together with the Mayor's Address, names of the members of the City Government, Committees, Municipal Officers, Appropriations for the current year, and List of Taxes assessed for the year 1877, and that they procure the printing and binding in pamphlet form of three hundred copies of the same, for distribution.

In Board of Aldermen, May 6, 1878.

Read, passed, and sent down for concurrence.

C. O. WADSWORTH, *City Clerk.*

In Common Council, May 6, 1878.

The Order read and passed in concurrence.

G. MOORE, *Clerk.*

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:—

Unexpectedly and under circumstances nearly beyond my control, I find myself again in your midst, encompassed with the manifold duties and responsibilities incumbent upon the office of Mayor of our city, as set forth and defined by the City Charter, to the faithful performance of which we have taken a solemn oath.

But gentlemen, before entering upon these duties, allow me to extend to you, and through you to my fellow citizens my heartfelt thanks and warmest gratitude for the renewed confidence and esteem so signally manifested in the recent election. It is most gratifying to me that they have deemed it safe and expedient to return to the City Council so many of my associates in the late City Government; indeed, I observe that some wards have returned their last year's delegation entire, and the few that have not done so were unable to prevail upon the old members to again return, but have filled their places with gentlemen who will not betray the high trust confided to them, but will be controlled only by the highest motives and endeavors. I welcome you each and all to the labors and duties of this new trust, imposed by the City Charter, the laws of the State, and wants of an industrious, frugal and thriving people. I need not remind you that the faithful and prompt discharge of your duty will insure success. If anything short of this is allowed to occur, you cannot expect your deliberations to result in that highest good of which they are capable.

In again assuming the duties devolving upon the office of

Mayor, I am not unmindful of my shortcomings. Although strengthened in some degree by another year's practical experience, I still find myself inadequate to the undertaking. It is well understood, I believe, that the incumbent is unable to clothe the office with that dignity, intelligence and refinement that is due from the chief magistrate of a municipality of this size. I therefore realize the imperative obligations resting upon me in the more practical relations of the office, and pledge my best endeavors—aided by your constant co-operation—to fulfill the reasonable expectations of those who have conferred upon me this honor.

Before passing to the more specific matters of your charge, allow me to congratulate you upon the favorable auspices under which we organize the City Government of 1878. Moreover, that another year's history of our city is recorded without the visitation of fire or flood. Notwithstanding the long continued financial depression, our industries have very generally continued moving onward, and our business community but slightly embarrassed.

In accordance with custom and the requirements of the case, my first duty is to briefly lay before you the financial condition of the city, and the wants of the various departments, with such suggestions as may occur to me as we review the past and contemplate the future. I will just call your attention to the public debt, which we find as follows :

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|--|--------------|
| 6 per cent. Coupon Bonds | \$63,000 00 |
| 5 “ “ “ | 18,500 00 |
| 4 1-2 per cent. temporary loan Notes | 2,500 00 |
| 5 per cent. temporary loan Notes | 13,000 00 |
| Estimated bills outstanding | 1,100 00 |
| Due for Salaries undrawn..... | 440 00 |
| Balance due on State and County Tax | 8,490 88 |
| R. R. Bond and Coupons | 1,240 00 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total indebtedness..... | \$108,270 88 |

Total indebtedness brought up..... \$108,270 88

Available assets as follows :

Due from Col'r\$24,430 67

Estimated abatements 800 00

————— \$23,630 67

Cash in Treasury..... 270 61

Due from State to Armory.... 100 00

“ “ Town of Elliotville . 164 58

“ “ A. L. Newell 38 94

————— \$24,204 80

Balance against the city March 1st, 1878.... \$84,064 08

The city debt March 1st, 1877 82,052 32

Showing an increase for the year..... \$2,013 76

In 1876 the debt was reduced in the sum of \$12,126.05, taken with the increase of the present year shows a reduction of \$11,352.39 for the two years of 1876 and 1877.

The increase of the public debt for 1877 is not without the favorable feature of our having during the time increased the valuation of the city property in the sum of \$5,500, and should be taken into consideration in making this comparison. The liabilities maturing and for which it will be your duty to provide for the present fiscal year are, first, \$4,000 in bond maturing July 1st. The next, and one of the largest annual levies, is that for interest. Formerly this item has been \$6,000, but with the reduction of the debt and rate of interest on a portion of the bonds, \$5,500 was found sufficient for last year, and I am of the opinion that \$5,300 will meet the requirements for this. Well may we rejoice if we are so fortunate as to continue the reduction of this item from year to year until some future City Council shall be able to proudly proclaim the glad tidings—no levy for interest.

You will perceive by the finance report now before you that none of the departments except the abatement account stands overdrawn, and that in the sum of \$135.76. It was

thought that this account was sufficient for any contingency. As you may be aware, the management of this department is regulated by statute, and the account is entirely within the control of the Assessors, who no doubt will be able to enlighten you on this subject. I make mention of this in justice to the finance committee, to which we are indebted together with the heads of departments, for so favorable a showing in summing up the year's work.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

During the consideration of the annual appropriation bill of last year, issue was made on a line of public improvements, looking to the better accommodations of our schools which culminated in the destruction of the old grammar school house on High street, and the erection of a commodious and substantial edifice in its stead, at a cost of about \$6,000. This, like most other public enterprises in our midst, at first met with pretty determined and obstinate opposition. Not from the people, but from a small minority of the City Government, which seemed so vigorously pursued by the phantom Economy, that their dreams were haunted by it, their waking thoughts were centered upon it, and, as marvellous as it may seem, it took these gentlemen nearly two months to satisfy themselves of the fact that the city had lost one of its large school-houses, and that an important section of the city was deprived of a shelter for their scholars. However, at last the friends of the measure were enabled to make a favorable report. The result is the addition of a good substantial brick school-house to our city property, and the scholars of High, Winter and Spring street are made comfortable. But all these advantages have not been obtained without some attendant misfortune, contingent upon the lateness of the season, hence considerably enhancing the cost, and placing it beyond the possibility of getting through the year without increasing the public debt. The deficit for this enterprise up to March 1, 1878, was \$915.57. Something is still due the contractors for the wood work, stone steps, etc., which

with the cost of seating, permanent walks and fencing is estimated at \$1,648.43, making a total deficit of \$2,500 for the new school-house, which I am confident the tax-payers will most cheerfully meet.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Substantial improvements in the Fire Department have been made. A fine hose carriage has been procured and a convenient house built for the same. A new stone foundation has been built for the force pump, and the pump otherwise put in a most efficient condition. New gears of greatly increased strength have been added, and it is now no doubt good for a term of years without further outlay. One thousand feet of new rubber lined linen hose have been furnished this year, and the department throughout is in splendid condition. In perfecting and carrying out the plans to strengthen this department, permanency has been the aim. The committee having the matter in charge are entitled to great credit for the manner in which they overcame the many and great difficulties with which they had to contend in the prosecution of this work.

I repeat my recommendation of last year in regard to accepting Messrs. Gray & Son's proposition to take and relocate their force pump. This with the one we now have would be all we could ask, and it seems to me would be almost invincible.

The ordinary running expenses will be about \$1,800. Whatever permanent improvements you may determine upon, if any, will need to be provided for beyond this sum. The interests of the department have been fully cared for by the present incumbent, Capt. B. A. NEAL, and it seems to me he is entitled to continued confidence. For further particulars as to what has been done, its costs, and future wants, I refer you to the Chief Engineer's report.

HITCHING POSTS.

I desire to call your attention to the matter of providing additional hitching posts for Water Street. You are aware, no doubt, when the street was paved, the old posts (and

they were the best we ever had) were taken up; since which time no system for replacing them has been observed and, indeed, but few comparatively have been replaced—and those by individuals and of different designs, more or less of which are uprooted and crazy, rendering the street more dangerous and unsightly than if nothing had been attempted.

By the City Ordinance, No. 14, Section 4, it will be observed that the driver of any horse or vehicle shall remain with it while in the street, or, if leaving it, shall securely hitch the same, under penalty of one dollar.

Now it is very justly claimed that to attempt the enforcement of this regulation without first providing the requisite places for hitching would be inconsistent. I would suggest that you make a small appropriation for this purpose.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

I still regard it my duty to remind you of the unfinished condition of this memorial. You are aware that it yet remains without the ornament and protection afforded by a neat and substantial fence, and must it continue a boy's roost, with its base for a play-ground, to be besmeared with mud and its beauty continually defaced? It seems a shame after this liberal expenditure, to have it so long neglected, when the amount required is so trifling. I think it is your duty as well as your privilege to provide the required amount and have the work completed; to do which it is estimated will require five hundred dollars.

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

For once in our history this department has been kept within its appropriations, and in fact has been found with a balance undrawn. From the most careful observations that I have been able to make,—although far from what they should be or what we deserve,—they show a marked improvement in many respects. Some permanent improvements have been made, especially on sidewalks and culverts. This department is one of the most difficult to manage, as well as the most expensive, with which the city has

to contend ; and the successful management and prosecution of the work demand the largest amount of experience and sound discretion, and at best, must always remain a burden upon the people. Nothing particular suggests itself to my mind in this department beyond that expressed at the organization a year ago ; but I would strive to enforce upon you the importance of instituting a system of more thorough work ; use less of perishable material for our walks, bridges and culverts, less patching—be the aim, and in time the result can but be satisfactory.

At the last annual meeting I suggested the importance of so amending the City Charter, relating to the election of Street Commissioner as to length of his term of office. I am still persuaded of its importance, and invite your consideration of the matter.

For the more specific work accomplished during the year, its cost—together with the requirements of the department for the future—I refer you to the Commissioner's report, which will speak for itself. In my judgment his labors have been characterized by diligence and economy through his term of office.

I think highly of coating our streets with gravel, and am confident that not half enough is used. It seems to me that a great saving might be effected by purchasing a gravel bank ; it is very expensive to buy by the load. I wish to renew a suggestion made on a former occasion—that of adding a good horse to the force at the city farm, which suggestion was acted upon and an appropriation of \$500 made, and harnesses procured ; but the question arose whether it should be horses or mules, and here the matter stuck. Finally the appropriation was transferred and used for other purposes. I ask that you give this matter your careful consideration. I think this department will require about the same amount that was appropriated last year—say \$5,000 to \$5,500.

POOR AND INSANE.

The continued financial depression forcibly reminds us

of the necessity of making ample provision for the deserving poor in our midst. This department has been kept within the appropriation, and, so far as my knowledge extends, is in its usual good condition. The inmates have been kindly cared for. The management of the domestic affairs at the farm are characterized by neatness and economy. The Superintendent and his lady are entitled to much credit for the interest they have taken in their department.

I desire to make but one suggestion as bearing upon the management of the farm. I think greater efforts should be made to make the institution more self-supporting by raising more of the necessities of life upon the farm. There is no reason why the beneficiaries of the alms house should not be diligent when permitted by age and health.

That you may not be misled as to the future wants of this institution, I would state that the balance undrawn, as shown by the Finance Report, is not a true indication of the condition of the department in a financial view, as there is now due the Superintendent on salary up to March 1st, 1878, \$175.00, which with other outstanding bills is more than enough to cancel the balance. Hence in making your estimates for the fiscal year you will need to take this fact into consideration.

SCHOOLS.

So far as my knowledge extends, the schools of the city are in a flourishing condition; well officered, and as I understand making good progress.

I regret that the High School is to lose the services of the Principal, Mr. A. G. BRADSTREET, whose labors with us have proved so successful; and a difficult task it will be to fill his place.

The appropriation for this institution last year was \$2.300, which with the \$500.00 allowed by the State, and some \$200.00 received for tuitions, was found ample for all its wants. Quite extensive repairs have been made on the building the past year. Among the improvements that have been made may be mentioned that of inside windows,

which have been placed on the north and west sides of the first and second stories ; the hot air conductors have been changed from the chimneys and passed up through the ceiling and registers opening direct into the second story, which has been found to greatly economize the heat and add to the comforts of the pupils in that room ; the interior woodwork throughout has received a coat of oil and varnish ; the walls and ceiling have been thoroughly whitened, and nearly \$100.00 worth of maps and philosophical apparatus added to that branch. The department had about \$300.00 undrawn at the close of the year, and a transfer was made to the Grammar and Primary department, which had overdrawn its appropriation.

I am not aware of any unusual outlay required for the High school the present year, with the exception of a small sum for painting the outside trimmings, which are very much in need of it, as it has been seven years since it was done. My impression is that an appropriation of \$2,000 will be sufficient for this school the present year.

The Grammar and Primary Schools overdrew their appropriation in 1876 and 1877. For quite a number of years the annual appropriation has been \$3,500, which with the Savings Bank Tax and tuition amounts to nearly \$6,000, and would have been sufficient had it not been for the unforeseen calamity on High street, which necessitated new quarters for the fall and winter term of school. In view of the great financial depression, the cheapness of labor and material, I should regret to learn that the expenses of this department were allowed to be permanently increasing, more especially while our schools are not increased in number and size.

I do not desire to be understood as making remarks in a spirit of complaint. I only ask of you to have the department cut down its expenses, or increase the appropriation sufficient to meet the same. This is a department the expenses of which can be very nearly approximated, and I know of no good reason why it should be allowed to be so

frequently overdrawn. I surmise the difficulty to be mainly due to squandering of money on old school-houses, which to my mind is a questionable expedient.

For further information in this department I refer you to the able report of the S. S. Committee.

OUTSTANDING BONDS.

In the year 1850 the city loaned its credit to the Kennebec & Portland Railroad Company for one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and issued bonds to that amount, the last of which matured in November, 1870, and have been paid by the Railroad Company, with the exception of two five hundred dollar bonds, which have been mislaid from 1866 until January of the present year, when they turn up in New York with four years' coupons attached thereto, viz: from 1866 to 1870. In 1873 the Railroad Company, for the purpose of taking up the city mortgage and cancelling the same, deposited with the treasurer one thousand dollars as collateral for the redemption of those bonds whenever they might be presented, receiving a discharge of the mortgage. It will be observed at that time the bonds had been overdue three years, but it was not discovered that the coupons for the four years mentioned were still outstanding against the city; hence a liability to that extent, amounting to \$240, which should have been deposited by the Railroad Company with the City Treasurer in addition to the one thousand dollars. Some correspondence between the Mayor and the Superintendent of the Railroad Company has taken place in regard to the payment of the coupons, he assuming the ground that they were out lawed, but with the assurance that the matter should be laid before the Directors. Up to this time no progress is reported. The sum paid by the Railroad Company was appropriated to the brick sewer account, leaving a positive deficit of this amount and a contingent deficit of \$240 exists by the non-payment of the coupons at maturity. Some legal questions are involved as to the final liability of the city in the coupons. I would recommend that you provide for both; the bonds

and the coupons amounting to \$1,240. The bonds maturing April 15, 1877, have been reported at \$24,500, but it seems an error existed in the bond records, inasmuch as the Treasurer has redeemed \$25,000 which matured at that time; consequently he was obliged to raise \$500 to redeem this additional bond, which it will be your duty to provide for. This by no means proves the bonded debt larger than it was reported, for it is found upon examination that the bonds maturing in 1882 are in amount \$15,000 instead of \$15,500, as has been reported. Time and observation only strengthens and confirms my convictions, expressed on a former occasion, regarding the importance of paying the city debt. My policy would be not to allow a single year to pass without doing something in this direction.

POLICE.

The police department for the last year has cost the city somewhat more than for 1876, on account of adding another to the force. The department has been well managed by Marshal SIPHERS, but with some few irregularities by his subordinates. The expense of running this department in former years has been from \$1,500 to \$1,800. In 1876 it was \$877.40. The year just closed it was \$1,035.59; and, in my opinion, you should provide \$1,100 for the present year.

The Public Library, Discounts, Lighting Streets and Contingent Departments will require about the same appropriations as last year.

The State and County Tax for this year is as follows :

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|-----------------|------------|
| State Tax..... | \$8,726.67 |
| County Tax..... | 4,159.76 |

both being more than last year; the reason for which I am unable to state.

These two items with that for interest on our municipal debt, amounts to about three-fourths of one per cent. on our total valuation, and is a burden from which we need not expect to be relieved, to any great extent, until the

City, County and State reduce their indebtedness. The County and States levies are largely for interest.

One other suggestion I desire to make regarding a suitable place for the deposit of the City Records. As you are aware the one now in use is very small, and in case of fire could not afford anything like protection. I have no specific plan to suggest. My object is to acquaint you of the necessity of a more commodious and safe place for these records, as they increase from year to year.

I have now given you an outline of the more important objects of your care. Many more points I might touch upon, among which is the need of a free bridge, better highways and sidewalks, improved water works, more commodious and sightly school houses; but, for the immediate present, I confess my wishes are circumscribed and held in check by reason of the present burdens resting upon us, the fears of continued business depression in our own city, and the industrial interest of the entire country.

It remains with you, gentlemen, to maintain and carry forward these interests, and you are expected to furnish the means to pay the bills; and, in this, I cannot impress too strongly the importance of retrenchment and economy,—not of meanness, which constantly seeks to avoid the incurring of necessary expense, nor that economy that would deprive us of a fine granite street or substantial school-houses in which to educate our children.

I would call your attention to the more specific duties of the hour—that of the election of subordinate officers. As you are aware, the detailed portion of the business, the bills of the city, are in many cases contracted by others than the members of the Council; the S. S. Committee, the Street Commissioner, and Overseers of the Poor, each control the expenses of their departments. Consider well the importance of your first act as members of this City Government; here your success or failure begins.

In addition to the matter already referred to, I shall from time to time lay before you such matters as may be of in-

terest and importance to you, relying upon your counsel to guide, and wisdom to direct the utility of all things. With steadfast reliance upon your impartial action and ever ready assistance, we enter upon the arena of duty for the municipal year before us. Favorable auspices I trust may stand above and around us, strength and wisdom guide and direct us, while we move onward with these trusts and responsibilities. Clinging to the active present and shaping our future by its impulses and blessings; while, by the aid of memory and events of the past, acts of patriotic devotion in the present, lives, deeds and noble achievements gone before us, we are permitted to lay deep and broad our foundation for the future, and gather to ourselves a rich and bountiful harvest of golden sheaves, the unfailing reward of honest toil, of noble deeds, of manly action and duty done.

J. B. BINGLEY.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

| S. BOWMAN, Treasurer, in acc't with City. | DR. |
|--|------------|
| To balance of old account | \$1,425 78 |
| Cash of D. C. Palmer, Overseer Poor..... | 174 63 |
| “ N. B. Norton, Liquor Agent | 1,075 00 |
| Mrs. Heath, on account Public Library | 172 00 |
| S. W. Siphers, for Licenses | 55 00 |
| A. G. Davis, Overseer Poor..... | 238 93 |
| “ Licenses | 39 00 |
| J. B. Dingley, Mayor | 411 42 |
| Wm. Garland, rent Leeman house..... | 1 00 |
| State of Maine, Railroad tax for 1875 | 18 14 |
| Niagara Insurance Co., on school house..... | 500 00 |
| Atlas “ “ “ | 800 00 |
| State of Maine, for High School | 500 00 |
| State of Maine, Railroad tax for 1876 | 23 28 |
| J. D. White, on account gas light..... | 9 00 |
| A. E. Andrews, Street Commissioner..... | 39 00 |
| S. W. Siphers, for grass on common..... | 1 50 |
| Tax on Dogs..... | 166 00 |
| Real estate sold for non-res. tax (tax \$3.15, int. .47) | 3 62 |
| Tax Deeds..... | 4 50 |
| S. W. Siphers, auctioneer licenses..... | 1 00 |
| “ liquor vessels sold | 1 00 |
| D. C. Palmer, on account G. & P. Schools | 160 00 |
| A. G. Davis, Overseer Poor..... | 27 50 |
| State of Maine, school fund for 1877 | 835 90 |
| State of Maine, mill tax for 1877 | 1,335 53 |
| \$18,500 City Bonds on 20 years, sold at 99½..... | 18,407 50 |
| Cash of J. Siphers, Collector..... | 29,700 00 |
| S. Bowman, Treas., notes as follows : | |
| Dated Apr. 14, 1877, due Aug. 1, 1877, 4½ per cent. | 8,000 00 |
| “ May 19, 1877, “ Aug. 1, 1877, 4½ “ | 5,000 00 |
| “ Sept. 18, 1877, “ Aug. 1, 1878, 4½ “ | 2,500 00 |
| “ Oct. 30, 1877, “ July 30, 1878, 5 “ | 8,000 00 |
| “ Feb. 13, 1878, “ Aug. 13, 1878, 5 “ | 4,000 00 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ | 1,000 00 |

\$84,626 23

Auditor's Report.

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Dr. brought up..... \$84,626 23

Cr.

Paid City Bonds, due Apr. 15, 1877... \$25,000 00

Paid Treas's note, dated July 23, 1877 2,000 00

" " " " 2,000 00

" " " " 1,000 00

" " " May 19, 1877 5,000 00

" " " April 14, 1877 8,000 00

Paid J. Siphers for tax deeds.... 8 50

\$43,008 50

Paid Mayor's Warrants as follows :

Contingent..... \$1,853 57

School House Repairs 800 00

Police 1,004 29

Poor and Insane 2,575 00

Highways 5,197 68

High School..... 3,023 39

New School House 6,073 05

Liquor Agency..... 1,058 14

Salaries..... 2,370 00

Fire Department 4,472 83

Public Library..... 879 18

Grammar & Primary Schools 6,150 00

Gas Lights 394 76

Interest..... 5,246 96

Common 248 27

\$41,347 12

Balance 270 61

\$84,626 23

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Jos. SIPHERS, Collector, in account with City, from March 3d, 1877, to March 1st, 1878. Dr.

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|--|-------------|
| To Balance March 3d, 1877 | \$21,136 90 |
| Annual Assessment, 1877..... | 46,787 59 |
| Supplementary assessment, 1877..... | 415 41 |
| Interest collected on Taxes of 1875..... | 193 62 |
| " " " 1876..... | 283 09 |
| " " " 1877..... | 15 88 |

Cr.

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| By paid S. Bowman, Treasurer..... | \$29,700 00 | \$68,832 49 |
| " Balance County Tax of 1876.. | 1,381 28 | |
| " Part " " 1877.. | 1,800 00 | |
| " State Tax of 1876 | 8,181 86 | |
| Discounts on taxes of 1877..... | 1,919 68 | |
| Abatements on taxes of 1876..... | 876 71 | |
| " " 1877..... | 542 29 | |
| Balance | 24,430 67 | |
| | | \$68,832 49 |

Balance accounted for as follows :

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Uncollected taxes of 1873..... | \$108 54 |
| " " 1875..... | 771 40 |
| " " 1876..... | 5,072 63 |
| " " 1877 | 12,653 45 |
| Treasurer's orders on State Treasurer for School Fund and sundrycash items toward State tax.... | 5,824 65 |
| | \$24,430 67 |

We have examined the foregoing account and find it correct, and the item of \$5,824.65 satisfactorily accounted for.

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| DAVID WENTWORTH, | } Finance Committee. |
| WILLIAM PERKINS, | |
| GEO. H. RAY, | |

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

APPROPRIATIONS.

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Highways..... | \$5,375 00 |
| Grammar and Primary Schools | 3,500 00 |
| High School | 2,300 00 |
| School House Repairs | 1,400 00 |
| Poor and Insane..... | 2,500 00 |
| Fire Department..... | 4,450 00 |
| Police Department | 1,300 00 |
| Public Library | 500 00 |
| Interest | 5,500 00 |
| Discounts | 2,100 00 |
| Contingent..... | 2,500 00 |
| Street Lights..... | 500 00 |
| Soldiers' Monument and Common..... | 500 00 |
| Deficit in Cancelling Bonds..... | 150 00 |
| Sewer in Mill Pond | 500 00 |
| Overlayings..... | 1,121 71 |
| Salaries | 2,300 00 |

\$36,496 71

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| State Tax | 6,547 42 |
| County Tax..... | 3,743 46 |

\$46,787 59

STATE TAX.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| By Balance | \$8,181 86 |
| Appropriation | 6,547 42 |

\$14,729 28

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| To J. Siphers, paid tax of 1876..... | \$8,181 86 |
| Balance | 6,547 42 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$14,729 28 |

COUNTY TAX.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| By Balance | \$1,381 28 |
| Appropriation | 3,743 46 |

\$5,124 74

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| To J. Siphers, paid balance tax 1876.... | \$1,381 28 |
| " " part of tax 1877 | 1,800 00 |
| Balance undrawn..... | 1,943 46 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,124 74 |

LIQUOR AGENCY.

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|--|------------|
| To Stock on hand Feb. 15th, 1877 | \$195 31 |
| Cash " " " | 188 77 |
| Mayor's Warrants | 1,058 14 |
| Net profit for year | 134 12 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,576 34 |
| By Stock on hand March 1, 1878..... | \$251 34 |
| Paid S. Bowman, Treas | 1,325 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,576 34 |

Receipts and expenditures :

| | |
|--|------------|
| Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1877 | \$188 77 |
| Rec'd from sales to residents | 1,326 92 |
| " " non-residents | 629 16 |
| " " of barrels and kegs..... | 15 95 |
| Rec'd Mayor's Warrants | 1,058 14 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,218 94 |
| Paid for Liquors..... | \$1,324 73 |
| Salary 12 1-2 months..... | 364 57 |
| Rent " " | 156 25 |
| Contingent expenses | 48 39 |
| Paid S. Bowman, Treas | 1,325 00 |
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| | \$3,218 94 |

Approved.

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| DAVID WENTWORTH, | } Finance Committee. |
| WILLIAM PERKINS, | |
| GEO. H. RAY, | |

FUND FOR NEW SCHOOL HOUSE, HIGH ST.

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| By Transfer from Contingent..... | \$100 00 |
| " " School House Repairs..... | 600 00 |
| Cash paid by Niagara Insurance Co..... | 500 00 |
| " Atlas Insurance Co..... | 800 00 |
| A. G. Davis, tax on dogs..... | 166 00 |
| Cash for stone feet and posts sold..... | 3 75 |
| Transfer from Police | 100 00 |
| " " Soldiers' Monument and Common | 251 73 |
| " " Mill Pond..... | 500 00 |
| " " Contingent | 1,000 00 |
| " " Highway | 200 00 |
| " " Interest..... | 700 00 |
| " " Lighting Lamps..... | 200 00 |
| Balance | 951 57 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$6,073 05 |
| To Mayor's Warrants | \$6,073 05 |

HIGH SCHOOL.

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|---|------------|------------|
| By Balance | \$38 94 | |
| Appropriation..... | 2,300 00 | |
| Transfer from Police | 160 00 | |
| Cash of State of Maine | 500 00 | |
| " J. B. Dingley, cancelling policy | 90 80 | |
| " " use of school-room | 12 00 | |
| " " for tuitions..... | 232 92 | |
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| | | \$3,334 66 |
| To Mayor's Warrants | \$3,023 39 | |
| Transfer to G. and P. Schools..... | 277 15 | |
| Balance undrawn | 34 12 | |
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| | | \$3,334 66 |

GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

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|---|------------|------------|
| By Appropriation..... | \$3,500 00 | |
| State of Maine, Railroad Tax for 1875 | 18 14 | |
| " " " " 1876 | 23 28 | |
| " " Savings Bank Tax, 1877 | 835 90 | |
| " " Mill Tax, 1877 | 1,335 53 | |
| D. C. Palmer | 160 00 | |
| Transfer from High School..... | 277 15 | |
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| | | \$6,150 00 |
| To Mayor's Warrants..... | \$6,150 00 | |

G. AND P. SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

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|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| By Appropriation..... | \$1,400 00 | |
| To Mayor's Warrants..... | \$800 00 | |
| Transfer to New School House..... | 600 00 | |
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| | | \$1,400 00 |

ABATEMENTS.

| | | |
|--|----------|------------|
| By Balance | \$161 53 | |
| Overlayings, 1877..... | 1,121 71 | |
| Amount overdrawn..... | 135 76 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,419 00 |
| To amount allowed J. Siphers, 1876 tax.. | \$876 71 | |
| " " " 1877 tax.. | 542 29 | |
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| | | \$1,419 00 |

DEFICIT IN CANCELLING BONDS IN 1877.

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|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| By Appropriation..... | \$150 00 | |
| To Discount on bonds sold..... | \$92 50 | |
| Transfer to Fire Department | 57 50 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$150 00 |

CONTINGENT.

To paid sundry bills as follows :

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| Eliakim Norton, for transfer of Dunlap deed to city.. | \$150 00 |
| A. G. Nickerson, lighting street lamps | 27 81 |
| Palmer & Co., for stationary, binding reports, etc... | 100 69 |
| P. M. Fogler, recording deeds | 1 18 |
| Cleaning Common..... | 2 00 |
| Wm. Jewell, trucking..... | 6 30 |
| Levi S. Bickford, damages by drain | 10 00 |
| E. Sawyer, damage to plow..... | 5 00 |
| C. J. Noyes, survey bill..... | 28 75 |
| Express on Bonds to Boston..... | 5 70 |
| Telegram to Boston | 1 43 |
| Grand Army for Decoration purposes..... | 75 00 |
| Ansyl Potter, sprinkling street..... | 191 00 |
| Jas. M. Colson, lighting lamps | 6 83 |
| Miss Lucinda C. Hutchinson, damage on highway ... | 25 00 |
| C. A. & J. D. White. 1 year rent City Rooms..... | 100 00 |
| D. Gay, rent school house on Dresden St..... | 8 00 |
| A. Bailey, Insurance | 10 00 |
| A. C. Hoyt, labor at City Rooms..... | 11 86 |
| A. Bailey, telegram to Bangor..... | 2 59 |
| Benj. Johnson, use of hall for bridge meeting..... | 10 00 |
| N. A. May, repairing Hydrant..... | 2 00 |
| O. Benner, lumber and labor at Armory..... | 18 74 |
| H. K. Morrell & Son, printing reports, etc | 172 33 |
| C. J. Swith, labor on Flag Staff..... | 2 00 |
| E. S. Tyler, labor on Flag Staff..... | 5 50 |
| E. G. Snow, labor at Armory..... | 23 50 |
| Patsey Berry, labor at mill pond | 75 |
| Owen Nolan, labor at mill pond..... | 1 50 |
| Expense for Springer deed, new school house lot | 1 00 |
| J. A. Berry, labor at City Hall..... | 2 50 |
| Wm. Lunt, labor on Common..... | 3 00 |
| A. Fuller, 55 tons granite..... | 84 15 |
| John W. Berry, amount allowed by city for repairs furnishing Armory..... | 50 00 |
| R. B. Caldwell, printing | 20 00 |
| P. S. Robinson, lumber and labor for City Hall..... | 48 14 |
| John W. Berry, painting and papering City Hall | 22 50 |
| Mrs. Anna Kelly, for cleaning City Hall..... | 5 55 |
| Purrington & Welch, repairing, plastering, etc., City Hall..... | 19 60 |
| C. Anna, ringing City Bell 1 year | 67 00 |
| Stephen D. Wakefield, for damages on Causeway.... | 24 00 |
| S. Bowman, commission for loan negotiated | 10 00 |
| Carried up | <hr/> \$1,374 30 |

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| Brought up | \$1,374 30 |
| Frederic Danforth, surveying street at So. Gardiner.. | 10 00 |
| S. Bowman, transportation of Bonds from Boston... | 50 |
| P. S. Robinson, lumber and labor for fence at High St. Burying Ground..... | 26 00 |
| J. C. Lander, paint and oil for High street Burying Ground fence..... | 15 00 |
| E. G. Hooker, lumber for High St. Burying Ground fence..... | 10 96 |
| Wm. H. Spear, labor at High Street Burying Ground | 15 00 |
| E. W. Atwood, repairing sprinkler pump..... | 3 42 |
| S. W. Townsend, bill for nails..... | 2 68 |
| Levi Knox, bill for labor at High St. Burying Ground fence..... | 20 00 |
| D. F. Campbell, labor at High St. Burying Ground fence..... | 3 38 |
| Henry R. Sawyer, rent of engine house lot..... | 5 00 |
| Mary A. Walsh, hall for Reform Club..... | 50 00 |
| Wiley & Moore, repairing Sprinkler, etc..... | 12 15 |
| Geo. K. Paul & Co., bill for lamp posts and lanterns, | 75 64 |
| Smith & Gardiner, painting signs, etc..... | 3 75 |
| H. W. Jewett, bill for lumber..... | 3 83 |
| F. Williams, repairing grave yard fence | 1 50 |
| Star of the East, freight on lamp posts, etc..... | 3 35 |
| N. A. May, labor on Hydrant | 1 00 |
| Gardiner Gas Co., gas repairs at City Hall | 3 00 |
| J. P. Moulton, labor at City Hall..... | 2 85 |
| A. J. Libby, damage to sleigh | 15 00 |
| L. Clay, Court fees..... | 51 00 |
| Geo. L. Rogers, care and repairs City Clock..... | 15 50 |
| H. K. Morrell & Son, Policy on Winter street school house..... | 25 00 |
| H. K. Morrell & Son, printing..... | 20 50 |
| A. B. Booker, hanging street lamp, etc..... | 18 00 |
| Geo. K. Paul & Co., street lantern..... | 6 25 |
| Wm. Jewell, trucking..... | 4 65 |
| “ “ | 3 75 |
| I. G. Vannah..... | 41 |
| Henry Sawyer | 2 00 |
| N. A. May, for wood taken by L. Turner | 2 00 |
| Frederic Danforth, C. E. survey bill..... | 1 50 |
| J. B. Libby, bill for repairs on Sprinkler | 6 10 |
| J. H. Vigoureaux, “ “ “ | 2 50 |
| P. C. Holmes & Co., “ “ | 1 37 |
| Dingley Bros., bill items | 46 13 |
| Transfer to fund for new school house..... | 1,000 00 |
| Balance undrawn..... | 104 69 |

\$2,958 26

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| Dr. brought up..... | \$2,958 26 |
| By Balance..... | \$198 49 |
| Appropriation | 2,500 00 |
| Transfer from Discounts | 80 32 |
| S. W. Siphers, for Licences | 55 00 |
| A. G. Davis, " " | 39 00 |
| Wm. Garland, rent of Leeman house | 1 00 |
| J. D. White, committee on gas lights | 9 00 |
| S. W. Siphers, grass sold on Common..... | 1 50 |
| J. B. Dingley, Maine Reports sold..... | 65 00 |
| J. B. Dingley, rent of Leeman house | 6 95 |
| S. W. Siphers, auction license | 1 00 |
| S. W. Siphers, liquor vessels sold | 1 00 |
| | <hr/> \$2,958 26 |
| Due from Town of Ellitsville..... | \$164 58 |
| Cost due from A. L. Newell in execution..... | 38 94 |
| | <hr/> \$203 52 |

LIGHTING LAMPS.

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| By Balance..... | \$160 20 |
| Appropriation | 500 00 |
| | <hr/> \$660 20 |
| To Mayor's Warrants..... | \$394 76 |
| Transfer to new school house..... | 200 00 |
| Balance undrawn..... | 65 44 |
| | <hr/> \$660 20 |

SALARIES.

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| By Balance..... | \$510 00 |
| Appropriation | 2,300 00 |
| | <hr/> \$2,810 00 |
| To Mayor's Warrants..... | \$2,370 00 |
| Balance undrawn..... | 440 00 |
| | <hr/> \$2,810 00 |

HIGHWAYS.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| By Balance..... | \$65 61 |
| Appropriation | 5,375 00 |
| A. E. Andrews | 39 00 |
| | <hr/> \$5,479 61 |
| To Mayor's Warrants..... | \$5,197 68 |
| Transfer to new school house..... | 200 00 |
| Balance undrawn..... | 81 93 |
| | <hr/> \$5,479 61 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| By Appropriation | \$4,450 00 | |
| Transfer from Deficit in Cancelling Bonds | 57 50 | |
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| | | \$4,507 50 |
| To Mayor's Warrants | \$4,472 83 | |
| Balance undrawn | 34 67 | |
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| | | \$4,507 50 |

POOR AND INSANE.

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| By Balance | \$73 98 | |
| Appropriation | 2,500 00 | |
| Cash of D. C. Palmer | 174 63 | |
| " A. G. Davis | 238 93 | |
| " " | 27 50 | |
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| | | \$3,015 04 |
| To Mayor's Warrants | \$2,575 00 | |
| Balance undrawn | 440 04 | |
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| | | \$3,015 04 |

POLICE.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| By Appropriation | \$1,300 00 | |
| To Mayor's Warrants | \$1,004 29 | |
| Transfer to High School | 160 00 | |
| " New School House | 100 00 | |
| Balance undrawn | 35 71 | |
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| | | \$1,300 00 |

CANCELLING BONDS IN 1877.

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|------------------|------------|--|
| By Balance | \$6,000 00 | |
| To Stock | \$6,000 00 | |

DISCOUNTS.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| By Appropriation | \$2,100 00 | |
| To Transfer to Contingent | \$180 32 | |
| Allowed J. Siphers, Collector | 1,919 68 | |
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| | | \$2,100 00 |

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| By Balance | \$485 25 | |
| Appropriation | 500 00 | |
| Cash of Mrs. Heath | 172 00 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,157 25 |
| To Mayor's Warrants | \$879 18 | |
| Balance undrawn | 278 07 | |
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| | | \$1,157 25 |

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT AND COMMON.

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|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| By Appropriation..... | | \$500 00 |
| To Mayor's Warrants..... | \$248 27 | |
| Transfer to New School House..... | 251 73 | |
| | <hr/> | \$500 00 |

SEWER IN MILL POND.

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|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| By Appropriation..... | | \$500 00 |
| To Transfer to New School House..... | \$500 00 | |

TAX DEEDS.

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|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| By S. Bowman, Treas..... | | \$4 50 |
| Balance | | 10 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$14 50 |
| To S. Bowman, Treas..... | \$14 50 | |

INTEREST.

| | | |
|--|----------|------------|
| By Balance..... | | \$53 11 |
| Appropriation | | 5,500 00 |
| Interest on real estate tax sold J. Perry..... | | 47 |
| Interest collected by J. Siphers..... | | 492 59 |
| Balance | | 22 64 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$6,068 81 |
| To transfer to fund for new school house.. | \$700 00 | |
| Mayor's Warrant..... | 5,246 96 | |
| Amount allowed J. Siphers..... | 121 85 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6,068 81 |

CITY PROPERTY.

| | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------|
| By Balance..... | | \$48,202 92 |
|-----------------|--|-------------|

STOCK.

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| By Taxes of 1877 charged to J. Siphers..... | | \$46,787 59 |
| Cancelling Bonds in 1877..... | | 6,000 00 |
| Supplementary Tax charged J. Siphers..... | | 415 41 |
| Balance..... | | 32,733 19 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$85,936 19 |
| To Balance..... | \$39,032 73 | |
| Appropriations for 1877..... | 46,787 59 | |
| Liquor Agency..... | 115 87 | |
| | <hr/> | \$85,936 19 |

TRIAL BALANCE.

| | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| \$48,202 | 92 | | City Property. | | |
| 251 | 34 | | Liquor Agency. | | |
| 270 | 61 | | S. Bowman. | | |
| 24,427 | 52 | | Joseph Siphers. | | |
| | | | Bonds Payable..... | \$81,500 | 00 |
| | | | Notes Payable | 15,500 | 00 |
| | | | State Tax | 6,547 | 42 |
| 32,733 | 19 | | Stock. | | |
| | | | Public Library | 278 | 07 |
| 22 | 64 | | Interest. | | |
| | | | County Tax..... | 1,943 | 46 |
| 135 | 76 | | Abatements. | | |
| | | | Lighting Lamps | 65 | 44 |
| | | | High School | 34 | 12 |
| | | | Salaries | 440 | 00 |
| 10 | 00 | | Tax Deeds. | | |
| | | | Contingent | 104 | 69 |
| | | | Highways | 81 | 93 |
| | | | Poor and Insane..... | 440 | 04 |
| | | | Police..... | 35 | 71 |
| | | | Fire Department..... | 34 | 67 |
| 951 | 57 | | Fund for New School House. | | |
| <u>\$107,005</u> | <u>55</u> | | | <u>\$107,005</u> | <u>55</u> |

CITY DEBT.

| | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|
| Bonds of Oct. 1, 1859, due Oct. 1, 1879..... | \$5,000 | 00 |
| “ July 1, 1863, “ July 1, 1878..... | 4,000 | 00 |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1883..... | 10,000 | 00 |
| “ April 15, 1867, “ April 15, 1882 | 15,000 | 00 |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1887 | 1,000 | 00 |
| “ Feb. 15, 1873, “ Feb. 15, 1883..... | 6,000 | 00 |
| “ Aug. 15, 1874, “ Aug. 15, 1884 | 17,000 | 00 |
| “ Oct. 1, 1874, “ Oct. 1, 1884..... | 5,000 | 00 |
| “ Apr. 14, 1877, “ Apr. 14, 1897..... | 18 500 | 00 |
| | <u>\$81,500</u> | <u>00</u> |
| Treas. notes, due Aug. 1, '78, 4½ per ct.. | \$2,500 | 00 |
| “ July 30, '78, 5 per ct.... | 8,000 | 00 |
| “ Aug. 13, '78, 5 per ct.. | 5,000 | 00 |
| | <u>\$15,500</u> | <u>00</u> |
| | <u>\$97,000</u> | <u>00</u> |

The Treasurer has cancelled twenty-five thousand dollars of bonds due in 1877, five hundred of which have been previously reported as maturing April 15, 1882.

C. H. MARR, Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council:—

The kalends of another March remind us of the duty of rendering to you our annual report of the condition of the public schools in the city of Gardiner, for the municipal year ending Feb. 28, 1878.

In reviewing the year we feel that we have reason to congratulate ourselves and our fellow citizens upon the faithful prosecution and successful termination of the work in this most important department. Most of our teachers have had large experience in teaching, and have become familiar with the routine of duties in the respective schools which they have taught. There have been fewer complaints than usual during the year, and the commendations of parents and friends have been more general. The instruction, as a whole, has been thorough, and the examinations critical and exhaustive, especially in the grammar and high schools, where rigid written and oral examinations have been held at the middle and close of each term. Beside these test examinations, your Committee have made numerous visits to the several schools, and have thus been able to judge intelligibly of the deportment and scholarship of the pupils in each.

The methods of teaching, in some respects, are as diverse as the teachers are numerous; yet, in the midst of these seeming incongruities, there has been a harmony of purpose which has resulted in a symmetry of culture and growth in knowledge. No teacher can successfully ride another's hobby; those who have attempted this feat have in nearly

every instance been unhorsed, or have found the borrowed steed intractable. But everyone may with propriety receive suggestions from another's method and incorporate them into his own, thereby breaking the monotony of treadmill systems, and giving new interest and zest to plodding scholars. We have some teachers of this class, and their schools are hives of industry, and the progress in study highly commendable.

ATTENDANCE.

One of the chief hindrances to uniform advancement in the various classes, is the irregularity of attendance on the part of quite a large number of scholars. Some are necessarily detained at home by sickness; some are allowed to remain out through indifference; and others play truant. We have sought to bring influences to bear upon the last two classes above mentioned that would keep them in school, and are able to report considerable improvement over former years. There is, however, room for further advancement in this direction. Parents must see to it that their children do not needlessly stay away from school, because of difficult lessons or foolish prejudices. There are few scholars so bad as to remain away from school day after day without the knowledge and consent of their parents. There have been a few such boys in the city during the past year, but we have required our teachers to notify us of such cases immediately, and have at once notified the parents, thus rendering truancy very unsatisfactory to the culprit. A few cases seem to be incorrigible; punishments by parents or teachers are ineffective. The interests of these boys and the safety of the community would be promoted by sending them to the reform school.

The great majority of absences from school, however, are permitted and excused by indulgent mothers, or thoughtless fathers, who are moved by the exaggerated tears of the child, lest an unlearned lesson should bring them into conflict with an exacting teacher, or some other lion of difficulty which stands in their way. We can pre-

scribe no remedy for this class of absentees. Solomon's prescription, "Train up a child in the way he should go," might accomplish a cure if seasonably taken.

The whole number of scholars registered in the sixteen schools under our charge, for each term, is as follows: Spring term, 1759; Fall term, 735; Winter term, 732. The average attendance for the same terms has been: spring term, 640; fall term, 638; winter term, 637. The per centage of attendance to the number registered has been: spring term, 84; fall term, 87; and winter term, 87; making an average of 86 for the year, being a gain of 4 per cent. over the preceeding year.

The number of scholars in the city on the first day of April, 1877, was 1,304, including all between the ages of four and twenty-one years. Of this number 58 per cent. have been registered in our schools, making a gain of 2 per cent. over the attendance of 1876.

EXCHANGE OF BOOKS.

Complaint is often made of the frequent exchanges of books in our schools, and numerous jokes are cracked at the expense of the Committee, that scholars must run, after purchasing a book, in order to reach the school-room before another exchange is made. This arises from a misunderstanding of facts. Scholars, in passing from one class to another, or from one school to another of a different grade, are obliged to provide themselves with books suited to their advanced position, since a pupil cannot well get a liberal education from books used in a primary school.

There have been eight exchanges of books in the common schools within the last fourteen years, as follows: in 1864 Hilliard's readers were introduced in exchange for Town's series, without expense to scholars or city; in 1865 Quackenbos's grammars were received without cost for Brown's grammars; in 1877 Greenleaf's new series of arithmetics were accepted at an even exchange, book for book, for Greenleaf's common school, Colburn's mental, and Emerson's primary arithmetics; in 1868 Colton & Fitch's

geographies were displaced for Cornell's, at a cost of thirty cents per book for those used in the grammar schools, and twenty cents for the primary schools; in 1870 Hillard's readers gave place to Wilson's readers without expense; in 1873 Cornell's geographies were removed and "Our World" introduced therefor, at an expense of one-half the retail price; in 1875 the Franklin series of readers were received in exchange for Wilson's readers, on the same terms. In December of the present school year, a petition, signed by eighty or more of the parents and teachers of the city, was presented to us, asking that "Our World" geographies might be exchanged for some series better adapted to the necessities of our scholars. As "Our World" had not been in the schools five years, we could not make an exchange without authority of the City Council, which authority was unanimously granted. Your Committee, after due examination and consultation with several of the most experienced teachers, unanimously adopted Warren's Brief Course for the grammar schools, and Warren's Primary for the intermediate and primary schools. The cost of exchange was sixty cents for the former, and thirty cents for the latter. These books are giving excellent satisfaction.

These comprise all the exchanges that have been made since 1864. The average expense per scholar, for the fourteen years, has not been over one dollar and sixty cents for all exchanges, while the receiving of new books in exchange for wornout and worthless ones, has made an average gain per scholar of more than twice that amount. We do not give these facts for the purpose of advocating frequent exchanges of books, or apologizing for having been concerned in these trades. We prefer to let the books used in our schools rest upon their own merits. We believe that more depends, ordinarily, upon the teacher than upon the text book, for the progress and acquirements of scholars, and that an instructor who cannot awaken any enthusiasm or desire of improvement in the minds of her pupils, had bet-

ter resign her position at once, and seek some occupation better adapted to her capabilities.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Several of the school-houses have been repaired during the year. At the New Mills we had the trench wall relaid and underpinning reset, and an underdrain put in for the protection of the same, and the house neatly painted outside and inside. This building is now in good condition, and with ordinary care will need no extensive repairs for five or six years. The school-house on Libby Hill was painted throughout and papered, and is now one of the neatest little school-rooms in the city. The Flagstaff school-house was also papered and the wood work inside painted.

Some miscreant on the night of the 18th of July, 1877, set fire to the grammar school house on High street, and burned it to the ground. Fortunately the night was rainy and no farther damage was done. In consequence of this loss it became necessary to erect a new building for the accommodation of this school. The City Council, after long deliberation, appointed a committee to select a site and erect thereon a suitable building for the accommodation of the intermediate and grammar schools in that part of the city. This committee have faithfully performed their duty, and we have now an elegant and commodious brick building, 39 by 54 feet, with walls 26 feet in height. The roof is covered with slate, and the school-rooms and entrance halls finished with ash, and provided with patent seats and other appliances to make the rooms cheerful and attractive. While we cannot too severely condemn the lawlessness which destroyed the old house, we rejoice that another building has risen from its ashes, which is a credit to its builders and an ornament to the city. The cost of the new building complete will not exceed six thousand dollars; thirteen hundred of which is covered by the insurance received for the old house.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

The school-house on Brunswick road will require quite extensive repairs during the summer. A new floor should be laid ; the room provided with improved desks and chairs, the present benches having been in use since the house was built ; and the wood work painted and the walls papered. The Lawrence school-house should also be repaired in the same manner. These houses are built of brick, and if improved as we have recommended will last for years. The house at Flagstaff would be preserved and improved by a good coat of paint.

SUGGESTIONS.

Your Committee would suggest that some time, in the not distant future, a grammar school house be built on the lot in the angle of Brunswick and Central streets, with rooms sufficient for the accommodation of the pupils of the Lincoln Street and New Mills grammar schools. No more teachers would be required, and the scholars could be much better classified than under the present arrangement. Experience has proved that scholars are more ambitious and will accomplish more in large schools, properly officered, than in small schools where one teacher has several classes. We believe the cause of education would be greatly advanced by the union of these two schools.

We would respectfully refer you to our report of 1876-7 in relation to school books being owned by the city. The matter is worthy of your careful consideration. Those towns and cities in the state which have adopted this plan are very enthusiastic in its support, and are disposed to take no backward steps.

We again call your attention to the important question of the appointment of a School Supervisor. We believe the welfare of our schools requires constant and watchful supervision. This they cannot have under the present system. Some competent person should be elected whose duty it should be to give his whole time to the examination

and inspection of the schools when in session. To enable him to do this a suitable compensation should be made for the service required.

We would also recommend that the Spring street school-house be enlarged and provided with improved seats. During the spring term of the present year there were registered in this school seventy-five scholars, with an average attendance of sixty-five; and the average for the year was fifty-six. If we must keep so many scholars in one school, it is important that the room be large enough to provide each scholar with a separate seat, and space enough to wield the classes.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

For the financial statement regarding our schools we refer you to the Auditor's report. We have endeavored to expend the money for repairs as judiciously as possible. There has been no change in the salaries of teachers for two or three years, and we think the depression of business will not warrant any advance at present.

THE RURAL SCHOOLS.

These five schools have been kept the full time of thirty weeks, and as a whole have done good work.

Miss ANNA L. BERRY has taught the Miller school throughout the year. She is a wide-awake, energetic teacher, and excellent disciplinarian, and has been able to impart much of her enthusiasm to her scholars. Miss LIZZIE PRAY has also remained in the Hildreth school during the year. She, too, is deserving of high commendation for the faithfulness of her labors and the success which has attended them. Both of these ladies are competent for and worthy of more responsible positions.

Miss FLORENCE LIBBY taught the Libby Hill school during the spring and fall terms, and by her own request was transferred to the Lawrence school for the winter term. She gives excellent satisfaction, and manages to make her recitations spirited.

Mrs. ABBY SMITH had charge of the Lawrence school

during the spring and fall terms, but owing to the press of other duties, resigned before the commencement of the winter term.

Miss MARY L. PALMER took charge of the Flagstaff school for the spring term, and gave good satisfaction. Having declined to remain longer in the school, her place was supplied for the fall term by Miss ANNIE R. REED. This was her first attempt at teaching, and she failed to arouse that interest in study which with larger experience she will be able to do. Miss REED taught the Libby Hill school during the winter term. The Flagstaff school was kept during the winter by EDGAR W. LARRABEE, who proved himself master of the situation. He succeeded in arousing considerable interest in the classes.

There were registered in these schools 96 for the spring term, 94 for the fall term, and 90 for the winter term. The average attendance was, spring term 73, fall term 69, winter term 64. Forty-seven of these were registered in the Miller and Lawrence schools. It costs about eleven hundred and fifty dollars per year to run these five schools of ninety scholars. It seems to us that if arrangements could be made to mass them into two schools, greater good could be accomplished with less money. In Calais instead of running small rural schools, a few years ago arrangements were made for having the scholars brought into the city proper and distributed among the different grades of schools. It was found that it cost less money to hire teams for transporting the scholars than to run schools for their especial accommodation.

We suggest for your consideration the following plan: let a school-house be built centrally for the accommodation of the scholars in the Miller and Lawrence schools, with a grammar and primary grade. Let the school on Libby Hill be continued and employ a team to bring the scholars of the Hildreth and Flagstaff schools into the city. Thus three school-houses would be dispensed with, and the chil-

ren would be far better accommodated and taught than under the present system.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

There has been no change of teachers in these schools for several years. This continuance of service is evidence that they are well taught. Here the first work in education in books begins, and impressions are made and habits of study and thought formed, which are to influence the child through all his school life. If the foundation is well laid there is a certainty that the superstructure will be enduring.

The whole number registered in these schools was for the spring term 281, fall term 246, and winter term 250. The average was for the spring term 237, fall term 211, and winter term 217.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Miss ELLA A. BERRY in the Winter street, and Mrs. PALMYRA WILLIAMS in the Neal street schools have been continued through the year. Both schools are in excellent condition, and the examinations have shown that thorough and progressive work had been done.

The whole number registered in these schools was for the spring term 105, fall term 101, and winter term 92. The average attendance was for the spring term 84, fall term 83, and winter term 75.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Miss ELLEN SAWYER and Miss HELEN W. CLARK have faithfully taught the Lincoln street grammar school for another year. The school has been very large, registering during the last term 102 scholars. The house has been overcrowded. This school is certainly worthy of a more spacious and elegant school building. Owing to the illness of Miss Sawyer, we were obliged to close the winter term at the end of the tenth week, and no formal examination was held. We are satisfied, however, from former experiences, that the scholars would have done credit to themselves had they been subject to that ordeal.

The High street grammar school is second to none in

point of excellence. The teachers, Miss ELLA J. MORSE and Miss SARAH B. LORD, have conscientiously labored for the intellectual and moral growth of their pupils. They have succeeded in keeping up their average attendance beyond that of any other school. The average attendance for the year has been 93 per cent. of the whole number in attendance. During the spring term there were 29 scholars who were not absent a half day, during the fall term 33, and during the winter term 34. The burning of the school house left this school without a home; but we were fortunate in securing the vestry of the Summer street church, which was fitted up and occupied during the fall and winter terms.

Mr. MARCUS R. WILLIAMS was retained, in the New Mills grammar school, for the year. He is a popular and energetic teacher, and though overcrowded with scholars and cramped with too many recitations, has done a profitable year's work. We regret that he can no longer be retained in the school.

The whole attendance at the three grammar schools for the spring term was 198, fall term 206, and winter term 225. The average attendance for the spring term was 178, fall term 194, and winter term 203. The average attendance for the year has been 192, or 91 per cent. of the whole attendance.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The condition of this school during the year, in regard to the objects it aims to accomplish and its influence upon those who have availed themselves of its privileges, has been good, and entirely satisfactory to the Committee. Harmony and mutual co-operation have prevailed without interruption among the teachers. The discipline of the school has been parental and moral in its character. The relations between the teachers and pupils, and their intercourse with each other, have been such as to secure the respect and affection of the latter, and to awaken in them a love of learning and a reverence for virtue. The examina-

tion at the close of each term occupied the hours of the regular school sessions for four days, and were conducted with such thoroughness as to give each pupil an opportunity to show the extent and accuracy of his or her knowledge. The results were honorable to pupils and teachers, and gratifying to the Committee.

A class of ten scholars graduated from the High School at the close of the summer term. The graduating exercises were held in the Methodist Church before a large concourse of citizens. The graduates were Gertrude E. Heath, Abby E. Merrill, Olive Moulton, Annie R. Reed, Georgia A. Steward, Will G. Briery, Fred B. Dingley, Charles F. Johnson, Fred H. Johnson, and Edgar W. Larrabee. The class motto was "*Honorem Labore solum meremus.*"

The school suffers loss in the resignation of the Principal. Mr. A. G. BRADSTREET severed his connection with the school at the close of the winter term, for the purpose of prosecuting his studies in his chosen profession. The best wishes of the school and Directors will accompany him. It will be for the interest of the school to retain the services of Miss FRENCH and Miss PALMER in their respective departments. They are efficient and faithful teachers, and should be re-elected.

There have been considerable additions made to the laboratory during the year, and maps of ancient Greece and Rome have been furnished for the classes in Latin and Greek.

The number registered in the school, during the spring term was 80, fall term 88, and winter term 76. The average attendance was: spring term 70, fall term 81, and winter term 68; an average of 90 per cent. for the year.

GENERAL REMARKS.

While we rejoice at the progress made in our schools during the past, we remember that we have not yet reached perfection either in systems of instruction or methods of discipline. Some of our teachers still cling to the old plans of rote teaching. To repeat the word correctly is

everything; to understand their meaning nothing, according to this system; and thus the spirit is sacrificed to the letter. Scholars are not made by the parrot like repetition of another's words or ideas; neither does the committing to memory of rules constitute education. The child must be taught to reason for himself; to learn by combination of principles; to find the laws which result from such a combination. We do not study grammar to learn language, but from a careful study and arrangement of language we evolve the principles of grammar. Mr. Wyce says, "Grammar and Syntax are a collection of laws and rules. Rules are gathered from practice; they are the results of induction to which we come by long observation and comparison of facts. It is, in fine, the science, the philosophy of language. In following the process of nature, neither individuals nor nations can arrive at the science *first*. A language is spoken, and poetry written, many years before either a grammar or prosody is even thought of. In short, as grammar was made after language, so ought it to be taught after language; an inference which all who recognize the relationship between the evolution of the race and of the individual, will see to be unavoidable."

Again, the contrasts between different minds, are as marked as individual peculiarities of physical nature. Each pupil requires some different guidance from his fellow. Some are perceptive and must be educated through the avenues of the senses by external objects; others are reflective, and reach conclusions by purely mental processes. Much of the success of either class depends upon the tact of the teacher to discern these mental peculiarities and diversities of disposition, and to be able to give each his portion in due season.

Successful teaching is a high art; and comparatively few teachers are able to chisel angels from the rough material which is placed before them. But no improvements in our present systems of teaching can be made except through the improvement of the teachers themselves; and this can

only be accomplished by careful study of books and principles, and a more careful study of human nature.

The accompanying table of statistics will give the whole attendance and average attendance of each school for the three terms, together with the names of the teachers and the amount of their salaries.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. O. THOMAS,
J. M. LARRABEE, } *S. S. Committee.*
D. C. PALMER,

| HIGH SCHOOL. | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| TERM. | TEACHERS. | SALARY. | Whole Attendance | Average Attendance | Rate per cent. |
| Spring. | A. G. Bradstreet. | \$1,200 00 | 80 | 70 | 87 |
| Fall. | Miss Alberta French. | 500 00 | 88 | 81 | 91 |
| Winter. | Miss Louisa M. Palmer. | 400 00 | 76 | 68 | |

| GRAMMAR SCHOOLS. | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| SCHOOL. | TERM. | TEACHERS. | SALARY. | Whole Attendance | Average Attendance | Per Cent. |
| Lincoln Street, | Spring. | Ellen Sawyer, | \$500 00 | 93 | 93 | 94 |
| | Fall, | Helen W. Clark, | 300 00 | 89 | 82 | 92 |
| | Winter, | | | 102 | 92 | 90 |
| High Street, | Spring, | Ella J. Morse, | 500 00 | 63 | 56 | 89 |
| | Fall, | Sarah B. Lord, | 300 00 | 69 | 66 | 96 |
| | Winter, | | | 76 | 69 | 91 |
| New Mills, | Spring, | Marcus R. Williams, | 360 00 | 37 | 29 | 78 |
| | Fall, | | | 48 | 46 | 96 |
| | Winter. | | | 47 | 42 | 90 |

| INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS. | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|----------|----|----|----|
| Neal Street, | Spring, | Mrs. Palmyra Williams, | \$300 00 | 63 | 49 | 78 |
| | Fall, | | | 49 | 40 | 82 |
| | Winter, | | | 46 | 35 | 76 |
| Winter Street, | Spring, | Ella A. Berry, | 300 00 | 42 | 35 | 83 |
| | Fall, | | | 52 | 43 | 83 |
| | Winter. | | | 46 | 40 | 87 |

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

| SCHOOL. | TERM. | TEACHERS. | SALARY. | Whole Attendance | Average Attendance. | Per Cent. |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Spring Street. | Spring, Fall, Winter, | Clara L. Clark, | \$250 00 | 75 60 62 | 65 50 54 | 87 83 87 |
| Winter Street, | Spring, Fall, Winter, | Emma A. Sprague, | 250 00 | 55 47 47 | 46 40 43 | 84 85 92 |
| Dresden Street | Spring, Fall, Winter, | Nettie Mitchell, | 250 00 | 65 55 59 | 50 48 50 | 77 87 85 |
| Maple Street, | Spring, Fall, Winter, | Hannah N. Burr, | 250 00 | 33 37 37 | 28 32 31 | 85 87 84 |
| New Mills, | Spring, Fall, Winter, | M. Lizzie Wadsworth, | 250 00 | 53 47 45 | 48 41 39 | 90 87 86 |

RURAL SCHOOLS.

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Hildreth, | Spring, Fall, Winter, | Lizzie P. Pray, | \$187 50 | 22 21 16 | 16 16 14 | 73 76 87 |
| Libby Hill, | Spring, Fall, Winter, | Florence Libby, | 125 00 | 17 20 13 | 13 15 8 | 76 75 62 |
| Flagstaff; | Spring, Fall, Winter, | Mary L. Palmer, | 62 50 | 10 | 8 | 80 |
| | Spring, Fall, Winter, | Annie R. Reed, | 62 50 | 12 | 9 | 75 |
| | Spring, Fall, Winter, | Edgar W. Larrabee, | 62 50 | 13 | 11 | 84 |
| Miller, | Spring, Fall, Winter, | Anna L. Berry, | 187 50 | 26 27 25 | 20 19 18 | 74 70 72 |
| Lawrence, | Spring, Fall, Winter, | Mrs. Abby Smith, | 125 00 | 21 14 22 | 16 10 13 | 76 71 59 |
| | | Florence Libby, | 62 50 | | | |

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:—

In accordance with their duty, the Directors of the Public Library herewith submit their seventh annual report :

The whole number of persons who have paid for using the Library this year, is 303 — 283 residents and 20 non-residents.

The resources of the Public Library, the past year, have been as follows :

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Balance due from last year..... | \$485 25 |
| Appropriation | 500 00 |
| 283 resident subscribers..... | 141 50 |
| 20 non-resident subscribers | 20 00 |
| Catalogues sold | 5 00 |
| Fines..... | 7 80 |
| Book paid for..... | 1 80 |

\$1,161 35

Less amount due the Treasurer Mar. 1, '77..... 79 18

Total available resources.....\$1,082 17

The expenditures have been as follows :

| | |
|--|----------|
| For Books | \$248 93 |
| “ Rent to Dec. 31, 1877..... | 59 00 |
| “ Binding..... | 44 10 |
| “ Librarian | 117 70 |
| “ Expressage..... | 1 45 |
| “ Expenses of New Hall, Furniture, &c..... | 230 23 |

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|-----------------------------------|-------|
| For Wood and sundry supplies..... | 18 80 |
| “ Gas..... | 7 35 |
| “ Insurance..... | 30 00 |
| “ Printing..... | 75 |

\$758 31

As our actual income for the year was \$676.00, we have spent \$82.31 more than our income. There was a balance of \$406.07 due the Library last year, and there is a balance of \$278.07 undrawn in the city treasury, which, with the balance of \$41.69 in the hands of the Treasurer of the Public Library, leaves \$339.76 standing to the credit of the Library. As the condition of the city treasury is such that the Mayor has declined to furnish us with the whole sum due us, we consequently could not spend it.

At the beginning of the year, one of the Directors, assisted by the Librarian, made a thorough examination of the whole Library to see if any books were missing. This has not been done before for years, if at all. He found 156 volumes unaccounted for. 110 of these were from the old library, and 46 since the transfer. It is a good deal of labor to thoroughly overlook all these books, and few like to do it unpaid. In theory the Librarian should be able at any time to tell by his books where every book is, but it is hard to reduce theory to practice. Since our last report the Directors have removed the Library from the room in Bowman Block, Brunswick street, to two rooms in Rogers' Block, corner of Maine and Water streets, on the second floor. They have fitted up the front room for a reading room, and it now offers a very pleasant place for one to spend an hour in reading. It is well occupied by the young of both sexes, with now and then a more elderly visitor, on the afternoons and evenings when the Library is opened; and we hope the time may soon come when it shall be opened every day and evening, and that many who now perhaps spend their afternoons and evenings in the streets,

may spend them here, in improving their minds, and fitting them for their various duties in life.

Prof. Dimon, of Brown University, at the dedication of the Rogers Free Library, of Bristol, R. I., after stating the fact of the tendency of our population to mass itself in our large cities, and the danger to our political institutions to be feared therefrom, said :

“I maintain that it is the Public Library which, more than anything else, tends to lessen the intellectual contrast between large and small communities, and hence serves to check the increasing tendency of our people to collect in large cities, by making life in smaller places more attractive. It is adapted to this precise end to a degree which no other instrumentality equals. For, not only do good books supply the cheapest and most accessible means of culture—they undoubtedly supply the best. I would by no means depreciate the other agencies of a high civilization. It would be absurd to deny to the fine arts, to painting, to sculpture, to music, a foremost place among the influences which refine and elevate and soften human life; but I still assert that the supreme promoter of culture is literature. No other agency is so varied in its sources, no other touches the human soul in such a variety of ways. It is in the literature of the world that we catch, as nowhere else, the

“Still sad music of humanity.”

One whose lot is cast in a quiet town like this may sometimes, as he glances down the columns of his city paper, for a moment envy those for whose instruction or entertainment such a tempting programme seems every day provided; but let him remember that, by his winter-evening fireside, if his taste has been educated to appreciate the master works of literature, he can converse with greater men than any of our cities afford. He who has learned to read with genuine appreciation the *Iliad*, the *Divine Comedy*, *Hamlet*, *Comus*, *Faust*, has very little else to seek, in this world, in the way of good society. In the quiet and leisurely perusal which makes his own being permeated by

the choice aroma of the atmosphere in which he lives, he need not envy those who, amid the varied excitements and dissipations of city life, too often derive only a superficial culture from their more manifold and stimulating opportunities. An institution that in a small town throws freely open to all, these priceless opportunities which books afford, renders a service which we seek in vain to estimate. Few can afford the expensive luxury of wide foreign travels, but on the pages of a book, we may go with Livingstone to the sources of the Nile, or trace with Stanley the windings of the Congo, or follow the bold Austrian navigators in their adventurous search for the North Pole. Not many, like the indefatigable Dom Pedro, can flit from the great Corliss engine to Mycenæ, and stand actually by Schliemann's side, and catch his enthusiasm as his spade turns up one after another of the golden goblets of the heroes who fought against Troy; but from his superb volume we may gain a more complete notion of his discoveries than the Emperor could have derived from a brief inspection; and when from the wings of to-day we turn to the world that lies deathless and unchanged in the lines of Homer and Eschylus, then we learn how literature triumphs over space and time alike, and brings us into living fellowship with every land and age."

We think all must agree with the truth of these remarks, and that every good citizen will do all he can to make our Public Library what it should be, and that every member of the City Council will be in favor of increasing rather than diminishing the annual appropriation for its support.

M. C. WADSWORTH,
WILLIAM PALMER,
H. K. MORRELL,
H. S. WEBSTER,
JAMES NASH.

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council:—

In compliance with the city ordinance which makes it my duty to render to you a full and complete report of the expenditures of my department during the year, and a statement of the present condition of the streets, sewers, and sidewalks and to make an estimate of the sum necessary to keep the same in good repair for the ensuing year, together with a schedule of the tools and other property under my charge, I herewith submit the following report :

At the commencement of the year I found the streets, sewers and sidewalks in quite a good condition, owing in part to the favorable winter and spring, and partly to the fact that the sewers and side drains had been kept open, thereby giving free passage to the surface water and saving the gulling of the streets.

One of the stone butments of the Rolling Dam brook bridge was undermined and thrown down by the spring freshet. This was rebuilt upon timber at a cost of one hundred and thirty-five dollars. The factory bridge was covered with plank and the butment next to Water street rebuilt, and a butment built for the accommodation of Messrs. P. C. Holmes & Co. in rebuilding and keeping in repair the penstock leading to their machine shop. The street at this place was widened about six feet and stone wall built on the west side, with the ends raised eight or ten inches to turn off the water, and the roadway gravelled. The cost of these repairs was five hundred and twenty-five dollars. Fifty dollars were expended in re-sheathing the

north bridge on the Causeway, and putting four new stringers into the grist-mill bridge over the flume.

The following streets have been gravelled, viz: Brunswick street and Winter street hills, Maine street from the south line of Farmingdale to Bridge street, and a part of Washington street. One hundred loads of gravel were placed upon Water street.

A stone culvert was built on the river road and the street widened ten feet, at a cost of about one hundred dollars. The culvert near Enoch Miller's was rebuilt, costing twenty-five dollars; and a stone pipe sewer laid across School street near the residence of Judge Danforth.

Quite extensive and permanent repairs upon sidewalks have been made during the year. More than three-fourths of a mile of new sidewalks have been built, either of brick, concrete or plank. A brick walk five and a half feet wide and twenty-five rods long, between Church street and School street, was laid by contract for one hundred and twenty dollars, after sidewalk was graded; sixteen rods in length of four feet walk was laid of the same material near the old depot, for forty-eight dollars. Concrete walks were laid on Maple street from Washington street to Central street; on Washington street from Chestnut street to the Common. Plank walks were rebuilt on Brunswick street from Neal street to the Common, and from the Common to the residence of H. H. Lennan; from Dresden street to Pleasant street; on Central street from Green street to the house of Andrew Berry; several other pieces in different parts of the city, from ten to twelve rods in length. A gravel walk was laid on Kingsbury street from Pleasant street to Dresden street.

The following walks have been graded and gravelled for laying either brick or concrete, viz: Brunswick street from Heselon street to B. Esmond's; Maine street from G. S. & G. L. Rogers' store to F. B. Curtis's blacksmith shop, and about ten rods at the north end of the Causeway.

These walks are ready for the curbing and should be laid the present season.

The following plank walks will need to be rebuilt during the year, viz: thirty rods on Harrison Avenue, and the street extended fifty rods, and sections on Maine, Water, Brunswick, Lincoln and High streets. I would recommend that the part of the walk on Church street between Dresden and Pleasant streets be laid with brick; and, when repairs are needed, that the walk on Pleasant street between Church and School streets be made of the same material. About ten rods of brick walk should be laid this summer near Dr. L. Gilmore's to complete the work already begun in that section. A narrow plank walk should also be laid on West street from High street to the residence of J. M. Larrabee, as the walk there is in a ruinous condition. I would recommend that the Water street sewer be extended from A. E. Clary's bowling alley to the residence of Mrs. C. P. Branch, and that the brick sidewalk be raised to keep it from being overflowed with water in the winter and spring freshets. The roadways will need the usual amount of repairs to keep them in good condition for travel.

I would recommend that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to be expended at Lawrence creek, South Gardiner, in rebuilding the bridge and widening and raising the road, since it is frequently overflowed, and the hills on either side are very steep.

The grist mill bridge is in bad condition and will soon need extensive repairs. When this contingency arises I would recommend that an iron bridge be erected in place of the present wooden structure. For more particulars would refer you to report of Committee on Highways and Bridges, viz:

“GARDINER, Nov. 5th, 1877. The Joint Standing Committee on Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, to which the condition of the grist mill bridge, so called, was referred, have, with His Honor the Mayor and Aldermen, examined the same, and would respectfully submit the following re-

port: that they believe the bridge to be safe for public travel for the present season."

The expense of purchasing gravel for the streets is considerable, and continues from year to year. To save this expenditure I would recommend that the city purchase the gravel bank now owned by Mr. J. T. Moore, provided the same can be obtained for a reasonable price.

I herewith submit a schedule of the tools in my department belonging to the city :

| | |
|--|----------|
| 1 Derrick, complete, \$30 ; 1 Pile Driver, \$40..... | \$70 00 |
| 3 Plows, \$30 ; 6 iron Scrapers, \$60 | 90 00 |
| 6 Triangles, \$80 ; 1 Snow Plow, \$15 | 95 00 |
| Stone Tools, \$5 ; 2 Hoes, \$1..... | 6 00 |
| 3 Snow Shovels, \$3 ; 3 Shovels, \$1 | 4 00 |
| 1 Boiler, \$2 ; 1 cross cut Saw, \$4..... | 6 00 |
| 1 Crow Bar, \$1 ; 2 Wheelbarrows, \$5 | 6 00 |
| 2 Buckets, \$1.50 ; 3 Picks, \$3 | 4 50 |
| 1 Gravel Screen, \$1.50 ; 1 Iron Grate, \$1.50..... | 3 00 |
| Total | \$284 50 |

The following is a summary statement of the expenditures in my department during the municipal year ending Feb. 28, 1878 :

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| Paid for Lumber..... | \$1,422 03 |
| “ Stone..... | 82 59 |
| “ Gravel | 182 20 |
| “ Coal Tar..... | 69 00 |
| “ Coal Ashes..... | 10 70 |
| “ Spikes and Nails..... | 142 41 |
| “ Bricks..... | 129 42 |
| “ Sand | 10 00 |
| “ Blacksmithing | 50 59 |
| “ Snow Plows for sidewalk..... | 15 00 |
| “ Teams..... | 735 73 |
| “ Labor | 2,348 01 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,197 68 |

Received Mayor's Warrants..... \$5,197 68

Paid for concrete walks on the Common \$248 27

Received Mayor's Warrants \$248 27

The following sums have been received from other sources :

Received of Weston Lewis, filling in Dennis St. . . \$18 50

“ for street scrapings 9 50

“ Moore & Brown for derrick 5 00

“ for use of pile driver 6 00

\$39 00

Paid to City Treasurer \$39 00

I recommend that the sum of \$4,500 be raised to be expended for general repairs on highways, bridges and side-walks, \$500 for snow bills, and \$500 for the Lawrence Creek bridge, for the ensuing year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. E. ANDREWS, *Street Commissioner.*

OVERSEERS' REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|--|------------|
| For Alms House, Schedule A..... | \$1,163 27 |
| Outside Aid, Schedule B..... | 1,074 42 |
| Maine Insane Hospital, Schedule C..... | 308 91 |
| Express fees | 90 |
| Bal. paid Treasurer by Overseers Poor..... | 27 50 |
| Bal. undrawn in Treasury..... | 440 04 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,015 04 |

RECEIPTS.

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|---|------------|
| Balance of last year..... | \$73 98 |
| Am't of D. C. Palmer, paid Treas | 174 63 |
| Rec'd of other towns, " | 238 93 |
| Bal. paid Treas. by Overseers Poor..... | 27 50 |
| Appropriation | 2,500 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,015 04 |

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND INSANE.

| | |
|---|------------|
| To Mayor's Warrants | \$2,575 00 |
| By paid Alms House Expenses, A..... | \$1,163 27 |
| Outside Aid, B | 1,074 42 |
| Maine Insane Hospital, C..... | 308 91 |
| Express | 90 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,547 50 |
| Bal. paid Treas. by Overseers Poor..... | 27 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,575 00 |

Above is the amount furnished Poor and Insane Paupers for year ending March 1, 1878, and a balance of \$440 undrawn in the treasury. We have paid some \$300 for bills for support of paupers for year 1876. The outstanding bills will be about the same amount.

The number of inmates at the Alms House is twelve, as follows: Sally Copp, Mary Wood, Margaret Lunt, Emma L. Winnett, Amos Potter, wife and child, William Dickey, John Mathews, Jeremiah Pickering, Orrin Dill, Abijah Tripp. There are at the Maine Insane Hospital three, as follows: Julia Buck, L. H. Connor, and Esther Gilpatrick. The number assisted out of the Alms House is one hundred and seven. The family of Andrew Springer, his wife and three children, five in all, are at Frankfort, and a part of them are now sick.

The Alms House has been under the care of Mr. & Mrs. HAMILTON the past year. Dr. A. K. P. Strout has attended to calls of the Poor Department.

A. G. DAVIS,
EDWARD ROBINSON, } *Overseers*
WILLIAM PERKINS, } *of the*
 } *Poor.*

Alms House—Schedule A.

| | |
|--|----------------|
| To paid J. B. Hays, for pressing hay, 1876..... | \$19 39 |
| Augustus Bailey, insurance..... | 80 00 |
| E. H. Flynt, ice | 4 00 |
| Stephen B. Merrill, wood, 1876 | 85 00 |
| Sovereigns of Industry, supplies, 1876..... | 39 84 |
| Gooden & Co., dry goods, 1876..... | 17 15 |
| Orrison Dill, repairs..... | 11 50 |
| Brann Bros., supplies, (tea) | 17 60 |
| C. Hurlbert, robe for Mrs. Robert Littlefield..... | 3 50 |
| W. H. Knight, fish..... | 4 74 |
| Uriah Morrison, coffin for Mrs. Littlefield..... | 8 00 |
| Barstow & Nickerson, supplies..... | 82 62 |
| Wm. Milliken, boots and shoes..... | 13 70 |
| I. G. Vannah, hardware | 3 53 |
| Miss Emma S. Dudley, work | 15 75 |
| Lennan Bros., supplies..... | 42 69 |
| R. E. Johnson, supplies..... | 5 50 |
| J. C. Bartlett, supplies,..... | 135 40 |
| Joshua Gray & Son, lumber | 10 76 |
| H. W. Jewett, lumber | 9 68 |
| H. C. Hamilton, 6 months salary..... | 175 00 |
| Levi Knox, work..... | 3 50 |
| E. Rowe, fish..... | 11 49 |
| W. H. Knight, fish..... | 2 37 |
| Carried up | <hr/> \$802 71 |

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|---|------------|
| Brought up | \$802 71 |
| H. Goldsmith, straw..... | 4 05 |
| Samuel Merrill, repairing plow..... | 2 50 |
| Sewell Jones, pigs..... | 4 00 |
| S. W. Townsend, supplies | 17 39 |
| A. S. Atherton, boots for Dill | 3 00 |
| E. S. Brown & Co., dry goods..... | 10 42 |
| Parsons & Co., dry goods..... | 5 96 |
| H. W. Jewett, oak plank..... | 5 00 |
| A. F. Plimpton, medical prescription..... | 2 00 |
| D. Palmer, manure, 1876..... | 15 00 |
| O. D. Norcross, soap..... | 12 16 |
| Bradstreet Bros..... | 4 12 |
| J. Eldridge, fish | 22 |
| Gooden & Co., dry goods | 15 82 |
| A. S. Ring, meat | 5 15 |
| W. H. Knight, fish..... | 3 25 |
| Lambard & Brown, sundries..... | 9 74 |
| Barstow & Nickerson, supplies..... | 94 59 |
| Wm. Milliken, boots and shoes..... | 10 60 |
| C. A. & J. D. White, medicine..... | 26 08 |
| T. W. Addrews, sundries | 31 59 |
| Jabez Stevens, meat..... | 6 95 |
| R. T. Hayes & Co., wood..... | 9 00 |
| W. M. Hattin, wood..... | 13 32 |
| Bradstreet Bros., wood | 29 10 |
| Moore & Brown, lumber | 1 75 |
| J. L. Mitchell, sash | 7 75 |
| J. S. Goodrich, blacksmith work | 17 05 |
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| | \$1,163 27 |

Outside Aid—Schedule B.

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| To paid Michael Hickey for Joseph Forty | \$3 00 |
| Harriet Witham, N. Tuttle, Town of Athens | 16 00 |
| A. G. Davis, supplies to Mitchell Lunt and wife..... | 7 20 |
| City of Rockland, supplies for Lizzie Crowell, 1876.. | 43 05 |
| A. P. Varney, board of Mrs. Littlefield..... | 3 00 |
| A. P. Varney, digging grave for Mrs. Littlefield..... | 3 00 |
| Smith Bros., supplies to travelling paupers, 1876.... | 25 73 |
| Smith Bros., " " " 1877.... | 4 88 |
| Larrabee & Libby, Mrs. Sarah E. Taber, 1876..... | 3 00 |
| Larrabee & Libby, George Johnson, 1876 | 12 00 |
| Larrabee & Libby, " 1877 | 3 00 |
| J. B. Chase, Joseph Forty | 1 63 |
| City of Bangor, Mrs. M. E. Crawford | 16 25 |
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| Carried up | \$141 74 |

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| Brought up | \$141 74 |
| City of Bangor, Abijah W. Tripp, 1876..... | 16 11 |
| James Nash, travelling pauper..... | 2 50 |
| Geo. W. Chase, Wm. Livermore, Vassalboro | 12 50 |
| Wm. Perkins, expenses on account Andrew Springer, | 14 75 |
| J. Thomas, travelling pauper | 1 50 |
| Brann Bros., supplies to Mrs. E. F. Willett, Bremen, | 6 00 |
| Town of Farmingdale, supplies to Caroline L. Orff.. | 101 93 |
| E. Robinson, expense for E. Gillpatrick..... | 7 70 |
| E. Trott, supplies to Wm. C. Dill | 7 00 |
| B. U. Dill, supplies to N. Tuttle, Athens..... | 17 00 |
| B. U. Dill, supplies to W. C. Dill | 15 00 |
| Marr & Merchant, supplies to Jacob Bickford, West | |
| Waterville | 2 00 |
| John Stone, supplies to Wm. Livermore, Vassalboro. | 5 00 |
| J. R. Lincoln, rent to Robt. Patten..... | 30 00 |
| Lincoln & Averill, supplies to Pillsbury Hodgkins, No- | |
| bleboro | 8 00 |
| Lincoln & Averill, supplies to R. W. Chapper..... | 6 00 |
| “ “ “ E. F. Willett, Bremen. | 11 00 |
| “ “ “ Amos Potter and wife. | 11 00 |
| Wilson & Johnson, supplies to S. Taylor..... | 2 00 |
| Wilson & Johnson, supplies to Simeon Potter, West | |
| Gardiner..... | 3 00 |
| Town of Etna, supplies to Mrs. Richardson..... | 29 57 |
| Wm. Perkins, supplies to Thaddeus Page and family. | 46 50 |
| Lawrence Bros., wood..... | 5 00 |
| City of Portland, supplies to Abijah W. Tripp..... | 10 50 |
| Wm. Perkins, expense for Abijah W. Tripp..... | 5 13 |
| A. G. Davis, expense for John Lucas..... | 10 25 |
| Town of Frankfort, supplies to Andrew Springer.... | 171 92 |
| E. D. Tasker, expense for Geo. W. Perkins, Hallo- | |
| well, and others..... | 21 50 |
| R. E. Johnson, supplies to G. H. Hatch, Kennebunk. | 23 00 |
| “ “ Jacob Bickford..... | 3 79 |
| “ “ John Lucas..... | 3 00 |
| “ “ F. W. Potter..... | 1 00 |
| Annis Littlefield, funeral of Mrs. Rob't Potter..... | 4 00 |
| S. W. Siphers, carrying G. W. Perkins, Hallowell, to | |
| Insane Hospital..... | 5 00 |
| Dr. T. Hildreth, examination of G. W. Perkins, Hal- | |
| lowell..... | 3 00 |
| Dr. H. Small, examination of G. W. Perkins, Hallo- | |
| well..... | 3 00 |
| Mellen Wing, expense for travelling pauper..... | 2 10 |
| J. H. Card, wood to Mrs. Ann Taylor..... | 3 00 |
| Everett Noble, rent to Nathan Tuttle, Athens | 6 25 |
| Carried up | <hr/> \$779 24 |

Overseers' Report.

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| Brought up..... | \$779 24 |
| W. L. Hunt, wood to Mrs. Ann Taylor..... | 3 75 |
| C. M. Day, supplies to Geo. F. Watson..... | 3 00 |
| H. W. Jewett, wood to Mrs. Ann Taylor..... | 1 75 |
| W. L. Hunt, wood to Mrs. Ann Taylor..... | 4 00 |
| J. T. Malcomb, rent to Pillsbury Hodgkins, Nobleboro | 24 00 |
| Larrabee & Libby, supplies to Geo. Johnson..... | 3 00 |
| H. C. Hamilton, expense on account of Jas. Brown. | 4 79 |
| West Gardiner, supplies to Thaddeus Page..... | 3 00 |
| A. G. Davis, supplies to Elizabeth Johnson..... | 10 00 |
| Robert Pope, milk to Mrs. Ann Taylor..... | 2 14 |
| A. G. Davis, travelling pauper..... | 25 |
| John F. Royal, expense to Massachuett's..... | 1 00 |
| Jas. H. Bailey, Mrs. Carrie P. Smead, Damariscotta. | 1 00 |
| Brann Bros., supplies to W. H. McCrillis, Wilton... | 3 00 |
| “ “ “ N. A. May..... | 5 00 |
| “ “ “ Geo. M. Washburn..... | 12 00 |
| H. K. Newbert, shoes..... | 1 65 |
| Gooden & Co., W. H. McCrillis, Wilton..... | 1 65 |
| Wesley Collins & Co., Tuttle Atkins..... | 1 50 |
| S. W. Siphers, Mrs. Carrie P. Smead, Damariscotta. | 3 25 |
| Jos. H. Card, wood for Mrs. Ann Taylor..... | 3 00 |
| Ayer & Winslow, W. H. McCrillis, Wilton..... | 2 75 |
| Marr & Merchant, supplies to Geo. W. Pollard, Brunswick..... | 6 00 |
| Marr & Merchant, supplies to W. H. McCrillis, Wil- ton..... | 3 00 |
| R. E. Johnson, supplies to Geo. H. Hatch, Kennebunk | 9 00 |
| S. H. Heath, supplies to W. H. McCrillis, Wilton... | 1 00 |
| John Webb, shoes to Mrs. Amos Potter..... | 1 00 |
| John Webb, shoes to Mrs. David Page..... | 3 60 |
| B. U. Dill, supplies to W. C. Dill..... | 5 00 |
| B. U. Dill, supplies to I. W. Holbrook..... | 8 00 |
| A. Chase, supplies to Mrs. Ann Taylor..... | 12 00 |
| Wm. Milliken, boots for W. C. Dill..... | 4 00 |
| “ “ “ Mrs. Amos Potter..... | 1 50 |
| “ “ “ Amos Potter, 2d..... | 3 50 |
| “ “ “ Mrs. Nickerson | 2 75 |
| “ “ “ Ann Taylor..... | 2 35 |
| Lincoln & Averill, supplies to Amos Potter and wife. | 24 00 |
| Lincoln & Averill, supplies to G. H. Hatch, Kennebunk | 6 00 |
| C. A. & J. D. White, medicines for sundry persons.. | 26 07 |
| J. R. Lincoln, rent to Robert Patten..... | 33 00 |
| Mitchell & Wilkins, supplies to N. A. May..... | 14 00 |
| A. S. Pease, horse and carriage for Carrie P. Smead, Damariscotta | 3 50 |
| A. S. Pease, horse and coach for Esther Gilpatrick.. | 6 00 |
| Carried up..... | \$1,049 99 |

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| Brought up..... | \$1,049 99 |
| W. E. Taylor, board of Geo. Williams..... | 20 00 |
| Joshua Gray & Son, wood to W. H. McCrillis, Wilton..... | 2 00 |
| Levi R. Murray, supplies to town of Warren..... | 1 00 |
| Town of Pittston, supplies to Wm. Tyler..... | 1 43 |
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| | \$1,074 42 |

Maine Insane Hospital.

SCHEDULE C.

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| Miss L. H. Connor..... | \$133 41 |
| Miss Julia Buck..... | 139 61 |
| Geo. W. Perkins..... | 35 89 |
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| | \$308 91 |

Received of other Towns.

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| Town of Bremen..... | 12 00 |
| “ Farmingdale..... | 12 29 |
| “ Hallowell..... | 52 89 |
| “ Kennebunk..... | 24 00 |
| “ Nobleboro..... | 47 00 |
| “ Athens..... | 55 75 |
| A. B. Witham, for Athens..... | 10 00 |
| Town of Vassalboro..... | 5 00 |
| “ Kennebunk..... | 18 00 |
| “ West Waterville..... | 2 00 |
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| | \$238 93 |

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the City Council:

In making this report I have to congratulate the citizens of Gardiner in having made a great change for the better in the Fire Department the past year.

A large amount has been expended; but no larger than the exigency of the case demanded.

It may seem superfluous to enumerate all the work that has been done; but as it has been a custom of long standing, and as there has been a larger amount than usual expended, I have thought it would be more satisfactory to the citizens to see the work done, in detail.

Agreeable to a contract made with Ladd, Brann & Co., the Force Pump has been removed from the former position and placed in another department of the building, and a new flume and wheel has been added. The new room has been entirely remodelled, and is kept from freezing in the coldest weather.

A hose carriage house has been built, and a four-wheeled hose carriage together with 1,000 feet of linen rubber lined hose has been purchased. The old linen hose has been rubber-lined.

A new reservoir of brick has been built at the junction of Neal and Beach streets. The reservoir on Mechanic street has been thoroughly repaired; it is now tight.

The Engines Fire King and Washington are in good order.

The Hook and Ladder Truck and Ladders, and "Alert" Hose Carriage and Hose, are also in good order.

I think the city, now, has a good and efficient fire department, although there is room for further improvement.

More reservoirs are needed. I would recommend that one should be built on Washington street, near Oak.

I have had no cause of complaint against any of the members of the different companies; but, on the contrary, have reason to speak in strong terms of their quick response to the call of duty.

There have been five fires and one or two false alarms during the year, for which the Department was called out.

June 7, 1877; Wm. Whitney, cooper shop, incendiary, total, \$500; no insurance; Dudley, dwelling, caught from cooper shop, total, \$800; no insurance.

June 17, Michael Hicky, dwelling, incendiary, total, \$150; no insurance; Thos. Cusick, dwelling, caught from Hickey house, partial, \$25; insured.

July 18, High street school house, incendiary, total, \$1,500; insured, \$1,300.

August 21, Moore & Brown, carpenter shop, boiler, total, \$3,000; insured, \$1,000; W. H. Moore, stock in same, total, \$1,500; insured, \$500; A. Berry & Son, lumber burned from above fire, total, \$1,000; no insurance.

August 28, Clary, dwelling, kerosene lamp, loss slight; insured.

City of Gardiner in account with B. A. NEAL, C. E. F. D.

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| Mar. 4, '78, To paid Washington Co..... | \$450 00 |
| Fire King Co | 400 00 |
| C. H. & L. Co..... | 300 00 |
| Alert Hose Co | 60 00 |
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| | \$1,210 00 |
| CR. By Mayor's Warrants..... | \$1,210 00 |
| | DR. |
| March 12. To paid sundry bills as per vouchers,..... | \$3,258 98 |
| Balance due city | 3 85 |
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| | \$3,262 83 |
| CR. By Mayor's Warrants..... | \$3,262 83 |

B. A. NEAL, *Chief Engineer.*

SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

To the Mayor and City Council:—

I herewith submit the following report for the year ending March 18, 1878 :

The case of Abiud Bradley against the city was determined early in the present year by a final decision in favor of the city.

The suit of Charles Ware, Adm'r, against the city, will probably be tried the present term of court.

Two actions have been commenced against the city during the past year, one in favor of Mary H. Eldridge and one in favor of M. F. Marble. The former action is for damages alleged to have been received by reason of a defect in the highway at South Gardiner. The circumstances of the accident were fully investigated at the time of its occurrence by the Mayor and the Committee on Accounts and Claims, who were unanimous in the opinion that the action could not be maintained.

The suit of M. F. Marble is for pauper supplies alleged to have been furnished to Mrs. W. W. Livermore and Mrs. Bernice D. Neal. The officers of West Gardiner have undertaken the defense of the suit as far as it relates to Mrs. Neal. To the remainder of the claim, amounting to forty dollars, the city has a valid defence.

HENRY S. WEFSTER, *City Solicitor.*

REPORT OF J. S. COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department having been instructed by the City Government by an order passed at a meeting held July 2d, 1877, to put the Fire Department in efficient order, have attended to the duty assigned, and ask leave to report :

Upon inspection of the force pump it was found to be in a condition liable to fail at any time when needed for use, and could not be relied on as of much protection to the large amount of property in its immediate vicinity. The Committee, after thoroughly examining the different places proposed for its location, decided to lease of the trustees of the Gardiner estate the basement of the flour mill store, for a period of not less than twenty years, at a rental of fifty dollars per annum, and to fit the same for its permanent location.

After procuring plans and specifications, bids were received for furnishing a water wheel of sufficient power, and for furnishing all the material and performing all the labor required to set the same in good running order. The job was awarded to LADD, BRANN & Co., their bid being the lowest received. The Committee in fitting this pump for efficient service have spared no pains in having it done thorough and substantial, and believe it to be of more protection to the large amount of property within its reach than a large sized steam fire engine, and much more economical in its yearly running expenses.

The Committee found no suitable place available for drying the large amount of hose needed for the protection of

the main street, or for storing the hose carriage, and, in accordance with the order of their instruction, have erected a building for that purpose, at the intersection of Winter and Water streets, near the factory bridge. This building is located on land belonging to the city, and has the best modern improvements for drying and preserving the hose property of the city. It is thought by good judges that enough will be saved in the preservation of this kind of property in four or five years to pay for its erection.

The large reservoir at the corner of Neal and Beech streets, built entirely of brick, will be lasting, and afford an ample supply of water when needed. The repairs on the Mechanic street reservoir have been attended to, by relining it entirely with brick and cement.

The Committee have, in the unusual amount of work assigned them, been assisted in their labors by Chief Engineer B. A. NEAL, who has always shown a lively interest in the promotion of the efficiency of the Fire Department.

The amount of expenditures under the supervision of the Committee is as follows :

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| Ladd, Brann & Co..... | \$945 00 |
| Extras not included in specifications..... | 14 98 |
| E. W. Atwood, making specifications | 38 75 |
| Hose Carriage house..... | 424 14 |
| Neal street reservoir..... | 320 50 |
| Mechanic street reservoir..... | 78 83 |
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| | \$1,752 20 |

This amount does not include the expense of fitting up the pump room for winter protection.

Respectfully submitted,

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| J. WALKER, | } <i>Joint Standing Committee on Fire Departm't.</i> |
| DAVID WENTWORTH, | |
| ELBRIDGE BERRY, | |
| G. W. GARDINER, | |
| M. C. WADSWORTH, | |

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:—

The City Ordinances make it obligatory upon the Finance Committee, at the end of each municipal year, “to examine all accounts and books of the respective departments of the City Government,” and “report whether such books and accounts of receipts and disbursements are correct or otherwise.”

Your Committee have attended to that duty, and the result of their investigations have in the main proved entirely satisfactory; we have, however, in some instances, found that disbursing officers have not been governed by the system of accountability established by ordinance, or by the requirements of orders of the City Council directing that all bills against the city should be submitted to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, and approved by the Council before being paid. It seems to us that in order to prevent liability of the acceptance and payment of unjust claims, that the rules referred to should be complied with; and we would respectfully suggest that, in order to ensure this, the Mayor only draw his warrants in favor of disbursing officers upon their showing to his satisfaction that the funds are needed to pay *approved* bills.

We find a balance to the debit of the Collector's account of \$24,430.67, which is accounted for as follows :

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| Cash paid State Treasurer by Mr. Siphers since his account was closed, as shown by voucher..... | \$1,000 00 |
| Treasurer's orders on State Treas. for school fund .. | 2,411 43 |
| Uncollected taxes | 18,606 02 |
| Cash in hand and bank | 2,413 22 |
| Total..... | \$24,430 67 |

The interest collected on overdue taxes during the year amounts to \$492.59. Justice to those who pay their assessments promptly demands that those who take more time, and thus become borrowers from the city, should pay interest; and we are glad to note that Mr. SIPHERS has been looking carefully after this matter for the last two years. No city official is charged with a more important trust than the Collector, and we consider that the Finance Committee fail in the performance of their duty if they do not examine his books and accounts often and *thoroughly*.

The abatements made during the year are as follows: upon taxes of 1876, \$876.71; upon taxes of 1877, \$542.29; total, \$1,419. This leaves the abatement account overdrawn in a small amount, but this is the only account which is not in funds, and transfers from different departments have been made to pay all bills which have become due on account of the new school-house, excepting about \$900.00. We estimate that when this new building is completed the cost of its erection will leave \$2,500 to be provided for.

The Liquor Agency account shows a profit to the city for the year of \$134.12. The new arrangement for managing the financial affairs of the agency, adopted upon the suggestion of the Finance Committee of last year, which brings the disbursements each month under the eye of the Committee on Accounts and Claims, is working satisfactorily, keeping the accounts being much simplified and errors less likely to occur.

The actual city debt, including temporary loans and estimated outstanding bills, is \$82,826.08. Deducting from this the city property, the nominal value of which as shown by the Mayor's books, which does not include the new school-house, is \$48,202.92, it leaves a balance against the city of \$34,623.16.

\$25,000 of city bonds have matured during the past year, \$6,500 of which have been paid and the balance renewed at 5 per cent. interest.

\$4,000 of bonds will become due on July 1st next which will have to be provided for by the incoming City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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| DAVID WENTWORTH, | } | <i>Joint Standing</i> |
| WILLIAM PERKINS, | | |
| JAMES D. WHITE, | } | <i>Committee on</i> |
| M. C. WADSWORTH, | | |
| GEO. H. RAY, | } | <i>Finance.</i> |

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:—

I herewith submit to you the following report for the municipal year ending February 28th, 1878.

The whole number of cases commenced and tried in the the Police Court from March 1st, 1877, to March 1st, 1878, is 289, and for the following causes :

Drunkenness, 50 ; discharged 10, fined 30, committed 10.

Cheating by false pretenses, 1 ; ordered to recognize.

Larceny, 25 ; bound over 5, fined 7, committed 4, discharged 9.

Assault and battery, 27 ; fined 8, appealed 2, discharged 17.

Selling intoxicating liquor, 27 ; paid fine 2, appealed 19, discharged 6.

Disturbing the peace, 3 ; paid fine 3.

Search for liquors, 25 ; liquors found 14, nothing found 11.

Cruelty to animals, 2 ; committed 1, bound over 1.

Adultery, 2 ; discharged 2.

Surety of the peace, 3 ; bound over 1, discharged 2.

Malicious mischief, 2 ; paid fine 1, discharged 1.

House of ill fame, 1 ; committed 1.

Tramps, 71 ; committed 65, discharged 6.

Open shop on Lord's day, 1 ; paid fine 1.

Common seller of intoxicating liquor, 1 ; bound over 1.

Libel, 1 ; appealed 1.

Libel and monitions, 14.

Fast driving, 4 ; paid fine 1, appealed 3.

Gambling, 3 ; settled by paying cost 3.

Keeping a dog without license, 1 ; discharged 1.

Search for stolen goods, 7.

Refusing to pay steamboat fare, 1 ; committed 1.

Nuisance, 1 ; discharged 1.

Obtaining goods under false pretenses, 1 ; discharged 1.

There are 16 warrants which have been tried that I cannot find to report on.

I have collected for grass on Common, \$1.50 ; cash for liquor vessels, \$1 ; cash for licenses for selling fire works, \$14 ; cash for licenses for billiard tables, \$30 ; for bowling alley, \$10 ; for auctioneer licenses, \$2 ; total, \$58.50 ; all of which I have paid into the city treasury. There is due to the city for liquor vessels by Benj. Johnson, \$8.47.

Since making the above report I have found the balance of the warrants, which are for the following causes :

Selling intoxicating liquors, 4 ; fined 3, discharged 1.

Search for liquors, 8 ; liquor found 3, nothing found 5.

Assault and battery, 2 ; fined 1, discharged 1.

Drunkenness, 1 ; paid fine 1.

Tramp, 1 ; committed 1.

I have tried to keep our streets as quiet and orderly as possible, and have tried to prevent the violation of the law within our city as much as possible. I have devoted my whole time to the business of the office, and I think the good order of our streets will compare favorably with past years.

I would recommend a small appropriation to improve our Police Station. With a small expense it could be made to answer for a Police Court room and lockup too, and be more convenient, and cost much less to warm it in the winter than it does now, and prisoners would not then have to be taken out and carried through Water street to be tried, and would save rent on the place that is called Police Court room.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. W. SIPHERS, *City Marshal.*

TAX LIST, 1877.

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| Adams, Joseph | \$89 45 | Beedle, G. W. est., | \$10 92 |
| Adams, Catherine S. | 49 40 | Beedle, George C. | 12 03 |
| Adams, Geo. F. | 78 05 | Benjamin, Washburn | 88 50 |
| Aliff, Peter | 12 02 | Benner, Orrin L. | 32 45 |
| Allen, Mrs. M. A. | 12 35 | Benson, J. S. | 17 15 |
| Amee, Samuel | 53 67 | Berry, Arthur | 639 59 |
| Amee, William | 52 40 | Berry, F. A. | 82 80 |
| Amee, Mrs. R. B. | 5 70 | Berry, John | 191 48 |
| Andrews, Silas est., | 41 80 | Berry, Elbridge | 69 88 |
| Andrews, A. E. | 70 91 | Berry, Andrew | 49 08 |
| Andrews, T. W. | 62 70 | Blackman, Charles O. | 9 84 |
| Andrews, James | 38 15 | Blake, James E. | 5 80 |
| Andrews, O. G. | 18 67 | Blair, John C. | 29 60 |
| Anne, Cyrus | 18 67 | Blanchard, Sophronia J. | 13 30 |
| Armstrong, R. A. | 13 45 | Blanchard & Reed, | 24 70 |
| Atkins, David S. | 8 55 | Blaisdell, Richard | 35 77 |
| Atkins, Geo. W. | 35 17 | Blaisdell, Harvey | 11 55 |
| Atkins, Silas | 30 08 | Blodgett, Geo. H. | 10 60 |
| Atwood, E. W. | 55 25 | Booker, Joseph | 43 18 |
| Atwood, Mrs. E. N. | 19 00 | Booker, Timothy | 34 73 |
| Averill, Asa | 25 80 | Booker, James est., | 6 84 |
| Ayer, John C. | 62 95 | Booker, Ansyl B. | 44 42 |
| Bachelor, Geo. W. est. | 185 64 | Bowie, D. & F. | 10 45 |
| Bachelor, George A. | 15 82 | Bowley, Gideon | 27 26 |
| Bachelor, A. W. | 13 91 | Bowman, Sifamai | 325 43 |
| Bailey, Augustus | 124 79 | Bradley, Abiud | 75 39 |
| Bailey, Augustus agent, | 5 70 | Bradstreet, Fred T. | 5 85 |
| Bailey, James H. | 20 10 | Bradstreet, Jos. S. | 6 80 |
| Baker, Alden | 24 47 | Bradstreet Bros., | 170 71 |
| Barron, John | 10 22 | Bradstreet, Laura | 8 55 |
| Bartlett, A. Y. | 54 17 | Bradstreet, Julia S. | 45 60 |
| Bartlett, John C. | 186 35 | Bradstreet, Fannie A. | 9 50 |
| Bartlett & Dennis, | 400 81 | Bradstreet, Joseph | 152 57 |
| Barstow, P. N. | 134 57 | Bradstreet, H. B. | 35 30 |
| Barstow & Nickerson, | 141 55 | Bradstreet, W. W. | 1,546 27 |

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| Bradstreet, P. G. | \$944 16 | Clapp, Chas. B. | \$27 70 |
| Bradstreet, John A. | 13 93 | Clary, Edwin R. | 10 31 |
| Bradstreet, Simon est., | 51 30 | Clary, James A. | 17 72 |
| Bradstreet, L. A. J. | 17 10 | Clary, Albert E. | 93 71 |
| Bradstreet, S. B. N. | 15 20 | Clay, Lorenzo | 56 77 |
| Bradstreet, M. H. W. est | 13 30 | Clason, Pell | 14 97 |
| Brann, George | 14 34 | Cleaves, Robert | 13 73 |
| Brann Brothers, | 5 13 | Clifford, Warren D. | 53 35 |
| Brann, W. S. | 37 20 | Cobbosse Nat. Bank, | 98 80 |
| Brann, Sanford | 25 60 | Colburn, Geo. W. | 16 68 |
| Branch, C. P. est., | 94 62 | Collins, Jason, | 176 85 |
| Branch, Mrs. M. L. G. | 232 76 | Collins, Henry | 20 10 |
| Bridge, Charles | 70 45 | Cole, Frank H. | 30 55 |
| Briery, S. C. | 5 85 | Colson, James M. | 11 97 |
| Brown, John est., | 9 50 | Cook, Wm. | 11 93 |
| Brown, Mrs. Althea | 18 05 | Cooke, L. D. | 291 99 |
| Brown, E. S. & Co. | 85 50 | Copsecook Paper Co., | 669 75 |
| Brown, E. S. | 78 05 | Costellow, Michael est., | 17 10 |
| Brown, Robert L. | 5 85 | Cowell, Wm. | 109 50 |
| Buffum, A. K. P. | 64 75 | Cox, James A. est., | 102 60 |
| Buffum, A. K. P. & Co. | 166 25 | Cox, John | 9 08 |
| Burr, Wm. F. | 32 16 | Cragin, Peter | 12 02 |
| Burr, D. C. | 10 60 | Cross, Geo. W. | 13 26 |
| Burns, Martin | 11 17 | Cusick, Thomas F. | 66 27 |
| Byram, Ebenezer est., | 49 40 | Cunningham, David | 10 31 |
| Byram, Chas. L. est., | 19 00 | Cunningham, R. E. | 20 86 |
| Byram, Miss Mary A. | 9 50 | Cunningham, G. M. | 16 68 |
| Burnham, John | 11 55 | Curtis, Ford B. | 42 90 |
| Buker, Wylie C. | 11 55 | Curtis, Sabel est., | 4 27 |
| Caldwell, E. A. | 17 10 | Curtis, William | 12 72 |
| Caldwell, R. B. | 20 10 | Curtis, Wm. H. | 18 39 |
| Campbell, Alex. B. | 4 75 | Curtis, Wm. H. 2d | 25 04 |
| Cannard, John est., | 13 68 | Curtis, Rachael | 8 55 |
| Cannon, Henry L. | 14 40 | Dale, Dorson M. | 18 67 |
| Capen, James | 35 82 | Dale, James L. | 13 83 |
| Card, Joseph H. | 20 96 | Daley, Daniel | 12 50 |
| Coughlin, Cornelius | 12 45 | Dalton, John C. | 8 13 |
| Chapman, Sarah est., | 9 50 | Dana, Geo. W. | 12 50 |
| Chamberlain, Benj. | 14 97 | Danforth, Chas. | 107 50 |
| Chamberlain, Martin | 17 73 | Danforth, Eugene | 20 10 |
| Chase, J. B. | 25 80 | Danforth, Fred | 12 50 |
| Chase, Geo. W. | 190 72 | Danforth, Elbridge | 20 48 |
| Chase, Alfred | 17 25 | Danforth, Ozias | 6 99 |
| Christ Church, | 41 80 | Danforth, Mary | 13 68 |
| Christopher, John | 8 13 | Davenport Ammi | 145 50 |
| Church, Geo. Jr., | 14 07 | Davis, Jacob est., | 39 33 |
| Church, Geo. W. | 9 84 | Davis, A. G. | 39 33 |
| Church, James | 15 32 | Davis, Jacob E. | 83 75 |

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| Davis, William | \$5 13 | Edgecomb, Emna J. | \$30 78 |
| Davis, S. Libeus | 39 10 | Eldridge, Chas. A. | 36 63 |
| Day, Wm. | 64 13 | Ellis, Mrs. Anna | 58 90 |
| Day, Mrs. Wm. H. | 10 26 | Elwell, Benj. | 9 02 |
| Day, Clarence M. & Co. | 25 90 | Elwell, Edwin | 14 63 |
| Deering, Chas. E. | 30 55 | Elwell, James P. | 14 62 |
| Dennis, David | 82 70 | Elwell, E. E. | 5 70 |
| Dennis, Julia | 3 80 | Esmond, Bernard | 65 13 |
| Dennison, O. L. | 14 87 | Emery, Jos. H. | 18 20 |
| Dill, Wm. R. | 16 68 | Fairbanks, John | 48 45 |
| Dill, Jos. C. | 5 95 | Farnham, C. A. | 109 25 |
| Dill, James R. | 9 08 | Farnham, Hampden | 12 02 |
| Dill, B. U. | 88 05 | Farrow, David | 21 53 |
| Dill, Orison, | 24 38 | Fessenden, E. E. | 10 60 |
| Dingley, J. B. | 82 43 | Flitner, Mary | 9 50 |
| Dingley, Fuller | 41 00 | Flynn, Michael | 13 30 |
| Dingley Bros., | 255 07 | Flynn, T. H. | 39 57 |
| Dill, Frank W. | 30 55 | Fogg, James | 4 66 |
| Dorr, Daniel | 13 26 | Follett, Levi II. | 13 73 |
| Dorr, Daniel H. | 15 16 | Foster, Nathan est., | 19 00 |
| Douglass, Jos. | 27 38 | Forsyth, Eph. | 169 25 |
| Douglass, G. M. | 29 69 | Foy, Henry | 37 05 |
| Douglass, R. H. | 11 40 | Foy, T. J. | 10 26 |
| Douglass, Hamor G. | 13 96 | Foy, John K. | 121 75 |
| Douglass, Chas. | 5 70 | French, Abel | 5 38 |
| Douglass, Hattie A. | 37 43 | Fuller, Alcander | 53 25 |
| Douglass, Chas. II. | 5 85 | Fuller, Aug. | 1 90 |
| Douglass, Benj. | 11 55 | Gardiner, R. H. est., | 472 52 |
| Dodge, Curtis E. | 8 70 | Gardiner, R. H. | 654 99 |
| Dodge, Nath. F. | 6 80 | Gardiner, A. L. & M. | 70 30 |
| Dow, Reuben | 12 50 | Gardiner Gas Light Co., | 222 30 |
| Dale, John H. | 3 48 | Gardiner N. Bank, | 97 48 |
| Drake, Elbridge | 39 57 | Gardiner, G. W. | 10 13 |
| Drake, Chas. M. | 13 26 | Gammon, G. A. | 28 94 |
| Dudley, Albert | 8 13 | Gay, Rufus est., | 63 94 |
| Dudley, Aaron | 12 02 | Gay, Dorcas P. | 76 19 |
| Duncan, Wm. | 33 78 | Gay, Chas. M. | 5 38 |
| Dunphy, Philip est., | 16 15 | Gifford, Chas. | 73 27 |
| Dunphy, J. K. | 48 13 | Gilmore, Langdon | 126 98 |
| Dunphy, John | 84 13 | Gilson, P. H. | 18 45 |
| Dwinal, Chas. | 11 55 | Glidden, C. R. | 15 56 |
| Dunphy, Frank | 41 00 | Godding, John C. | 45 37 |
| Eastman, Frank | 7 75 | Gooden, C. Labarge | 52 88 |
| Eastman, Reuben | 28 08 | Gooden & Co., | 85 50 |
| Eastman, J. W. | 27 86 | Goodrich, Geo. B. | 7 76 |
| Edgecomb, Enos | 29 85 | Goodrich, J. S. | 3 95 |
| Edgecomb, W. G. | 16 68 | Goodwin, Fred A. | 26 94 |
| Edgecomb, Joseph | 6 80 | Goodwin, John E. | 8 55 |

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| Goodwin, N. T. | \$11 55 | Hill, Tobias | \$8 55 |
| Goodwin, O. H. P. | 11 55 | Hinkley, Sam'l | 11 55 |
| Goodwin, J. D. N. | 15 83 | Hinkley, Eben B. | 10 60 |
| Goodwin, C. W. | 18 30 | Hinkley, Silas N. | 7 27 |
| Gould, Simeon L. | 51 07 | Hodgkins, James C. | 27 42 |
| Gowell, Parker est., | 22 80 | Holmes, P. C. | 27 55 |
| Gowell, Wm. H. | 19 15 | Holmes, George M. | 38 15 |
| Grant, Wm. B. est., | 290 51 | Holmes, P. H. | 20 10 |
| Grant, Wm. B. | 53 73 | Holmes, P. C. & Sons, | 208 53 |
| Gray, Joshua | 198 60 | Holmes, John F. | 67 41 |
| Gray, Joshua & Son | 467 11 | Hollingsworth & Whit- | |
| Gray, Geo. | 45 75 | ney, | 940 50 |
| Gray, Daniel | 43 28 | Holbrook, T. T. | 4 27 |
| Griffin, Peter | 18 20 | Holbrook, Thomas | 12 02 |
| Grover, Tolman | 15 35 | Hooker, Sam'l est., | 23 75 |
| Grover, Geo. E. | 4 90 | Hooker, E. G. | 79 85 |
| Haley, E. D. | 88 50 | Hooker, Walton O. | 13 26 |
| Haley, Geo. T. | 8 32 | Hooker, A. J. | 13 26 |
| Haines, Benj. | 45 85 | Hopkins, Myrick | 485 74 |
| Haines, Mary E. | 10 25 | Hopkins, Aug. | 58 10 |
| Haines, Wm. F. | 9 65 | Hopkins, Sumner | 8 55 |
| Hamlin, Isaiah H. | 15 53 | Hopkinson, Sam'l | 29 63 |
| Hamlin, Chas. G. | 3 95 | Hopkinson, Chas. W. | 16 39 |
| Harden, Pelham, | 140 03 | Horn, Mrs. Sarah | 14 16 |
| Harmon, Humphrey est., | 11 98 | Horst, Jacob | 20 58 |
| Harmon, Fred D. | 51 13 | Hoskins, H. B. est., | 140 60 |
| Harmon, Mrs. E. F. | 5 12 | Hoolihan, Quinlan | 8 13 |
| Harriman, Geo. A. | 5 38 | Howland, J. M. | 39 10 |
| Harrington, Geo. H. | 7 75 | Hoyt, A. C. | 13 26 |
| Harriman, A. J. | 13 26 | Huntington, J. H. | 18 10 |
| Harriman, J. G. | 9 84 | Huntington, John | 11 15 |
| Harrington, W. D. | 16 30 | Huntington, James W. | 9 84 |
| Hatten, W. M. | 30 04 | Hutchins, Andrew | 5 66 |
| Harwood, Lucy A. | 6 84 | Jack, Barzilla | 36 57 |
| Hathaway, Mrs. Mary E. | 14 25 | Jack, Wm. C. | 32 45 |
| Harlow, Arthur P. | 7 27 | Jack, Wm. C. & Co. | 30 78 |
| Hayes, Robert T. | 35 87 | Jackins, Chas. L. | 15 35 |
| Hayes, R. T. & Co. | 137 56 | Jackins, Thos. B. | 20 67 |
| Hazelton, John est., | 51 30 | Jackins, Mary | 19 00 |
| Heath, S. H. | 7 60 | James, Elisha Jr., | 4 90 |
| Heath, Eunice | 4 75 | Jaquith, John | 13 74 |
| Hesselton, Reuben | 89 93 | Jeck, Andrew | 28 65 |
| Higgins, Wm. H. | 11 55 | Jewell, Wm. | 17 53 |
| Hildreth, Henry, | 23 84 | Jewett, James est., | 9 50 |
| Hildreth, Thaddeus | 29 16 | Jennings, L. A. | 5 85 |
| Hildreth, Thaddeus 2d, | 167 35 | Jewett, Sam'l P. | 37 10 |
| Hildreth, Benj. S. | 35 55 | Jewett, David | 13 26 |
| Hildreth, Caroline | 13 68 | Johnson, Daniel | 31 92 |

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| Johnson, Benj. | \$274 61 | Lash, J. W. | \$24 37 |
| Johnson, J. C. | 6 80 | Lawrence, Charles | 92 63 |
| Johnson, Andrew | 15 20 | Lawrence, Charles Jr. | 46 70 |
| Johnson, Benj. est., | 3 80 | Lawrence, Sherburn | 42 04 |
| Johnson, B. F. | 59 05 | Lawrence, Greenleaf | 26 37 |
| Johnson, Geo. M. | 44 04 | Lawrence, Samuel M. | 30 27 |
| Johnson, Everett S. | 35 49 | Lawrence Brothers, | 394 73 |
| Johnson, F. Asbury | 8 13 | Lawrence, Wm. A. | 18 20 |
| Johnson, Geo. N. | 38 91 | Lawrence, James est., | 13 69 |
| Johnson, G. W. P. | 11 55 | Lawrence, Joseph H. | 9 88 |
| Johnson & Haley, | 61 18 | Lawrence, J. Warren | 77 57 |
| Jones, John C. | 41 09 | Lawrence & Beedle, | 19 00 |
| Jones, Geo. C. | 7 75 | Lawrence, Hiram | 35 39 |
| Jordan, Benj. | 25 42 | Lawrence, Joseph R. | 4 90 |
| Jordan, Lydia | 13 30 | Lawrence, John | 130 53 |
| Jordan, Isaiah M. | 8 13 | Lawrence, Reuben | 14 51 |
| Jordan, Mrs. L. M. A. | 5 13 | Lawrence, Fred D. | 21 43 |
| Kane, William | 44 80 | Lawrence, Sarah A. N. | 95 |
| Kane & Stuber, | 19 30 | Lennan, Llewellyn | 52 30 |
| Kelley, Hannah | 3 42 | Lennan, Hosea H. | 68 74 |
| Kelley, James | 8 13 | Lennan Brothers | 25 16 |
| Keenan, James W. | 9 08 | Lewis, Zina H. | 27 51 |
| Keenan, T. S. | 6 80 | Libby, William | 43 66 |
| Kenniston, Ezekiel | 13 68 | Lawrence, Sylvanus | 23 43 |
| Kenniston, R. J. | 37 20 | Libby, Elliot | 45 75 |
| Kenniston, R. J. & M. E. | 43 70 | Lewis, Weston | 58 10 |
| Kenniston, M. E. | 27 70 | Libby, Jordan | 47 02 |
| Kimball, Mrs. Julia est. | 106 97 | Libby, Samuel | 27 70 |
| Kimball, Samuel W. | 5 85 | Libby, Cyrus est., | 15 20 |
| King, Hiram A | 13 87 | Libby, S. & C. | 63 65 |
| Kittridge, Benj. H. | 9 84 | Libby, Hiram | 20 00 |
| Knight, W. H. | 8 70 | Libby, Eben | 86 79 |
| Knox, Levi | 9 84 | Libby, John | 11 40 |
| Knox, Chas. O. | 5 85 | Libby, John 2d, | 40 85 |
| Ladd, J. E. | 51 35 | Libby, Stillman | 26 55 |
| Ladd, Brann & Co., | 62 70 | Libby, William H. | 5 85 |
| Ladd, Louise J. W. | 6 84 | Libby, Sewal 2d, | 55 25 |
| Lambard, J. S. | 56 39 | Libby, Joseph B. | 26 18 |
| Lambard & Brown, | 18 81 | Libby, Dorville J. | 12 48 |
| Lander, David | 31 35 | Libby, M. A. & Co. | 11 40 |
| Lander, John C. | 143 41 | Lincoln, Joseph R. | 109 40 |
| Landerkin, John | 52 40 | Lincoln & Averill, | 65 55 |
| Lane, Samuel, | 32 45 | Littlefield, Simon R. | 45 90 |
| Larrabee, Daniel | 3 80 | Littlefield, Thaddens II. | 32 74 |
| Larrabee, James M. | 85 37 | Littlefield, Annis H. | 15 35 |
| Larrabee & Libby, | 10 26 | Littlefield, A. T. & F. | 17 97 |
| Labree, James | 3 32 | Littlefield, Robert | 17 34 |
| Labree, Daniel | 5 04 | Long, Mrs. Mary | 15 39 |

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| Longfellow, S. W. | \$6 42 | Mitchell, George | \$8 70 |
| Lord, Daniel B. | 30 40 | Moore, John T. | 58 95 |
| Loring, Daniel | 27 83 | Moore, Mrs. Mary A. | 27 32 |
| Lowell, Mrs. Eliza | 30 78 | Moore, John T. & S. G. | 29 26 |
| Lowell, Erastus F. | 13 26 | Moore, Miss Olive A. | 53 68 |
| Lunt, William | 16 68 | Moore, Gustavus | 19 05 |
| Lunt, Joseph W. | 25 42 | Moore, Adeline | 3 42 |
| Lunt, Geo. A. | 13 26 | Moore, Miss L. L. | 6 84 |
| Meagher, Mary | 13 30 | Moore, J. P. & Lizzie | 17 10 |
| Marr, J. F. | 23 94 | Moore, James A. est., | 14 15 |
| Marr & Merchant, | 23 37 | Moore & Bradbury, | 13 68 |
| Marriner, Samuel | 15 54 | Moore, Asa | 13 26 |
| Marble, M. F. | 6 80 | Moore, D. F. | 6 99 |
| Marston, J. J. | 38 34 | Moore, Alfred | 10 45 |
| Maxcy Josiah | 291 32 | Morrell, Wm. | 38 63 |
| Maxcy, S. N. | 47 65 | Morrell, H. K. | 120 70 |
| Marshall, S. | 4 90 | Morrell & Burnham | 21 38 |
| McCausland, W. W. | 32 55 | Morrell, Smith R. | 17 16 |
| McCausland, W. B. | 10 79 | Morrison, Uriah | 65 98 |
| McCausland, J. H. | 4 90 | Morrison, J. C. | 10 03 |
| McCurdy, Mrs. Emerald | 17 10 | Morrison, M. B. | 8 13 |
| McKenney, S. C. | 59 43 | Morrison, Aug. | 8 13 |
| McNamara, Patrick | 9 84 | Muzzy, Amos | 22 00 |
| McFarland, Charles | 9 97 | Nash, James | 196 80 |
| Meador, John C. | 9 08 | Neal, Wm. | 21 64 |
| Meador, Amasa R. | 13 26 | Neal, B. A. | 36 73 |
| Meador, John H. | 9 46 | Newcomb, G. W. | 14 72 |
| Merrill, George E. | 5 13 | Newell, Hubbard F. | 5 85 |
| McFarland, J. B. | 6 80 | Newell, Joseph E. | 11 55 |
| Merrill, Chas. H. 2d | 4 90 | Nickerson, A. D. | 28 65 |
| Merrill, Chas. est., | 7 60 | Nickerson, A. G. | 14 97 |
| Merrill, Stephen T. | 7 94 | Niles, J. S. | 19 05 |
| Merchant, A. K. P. | 58 10 | Nolan, Owen | 8 13 |
| Merriam, H. E. | 22 00 | Neal, A. T. | 3 48 |
| Miller, James | 13 68 | Neal, Henry M. | 9 65 |
| Miller, James N. | 5 13 | Norton, Eliakim | 25 84 |
| Miller, Enoch | 89 83 | Norton, Eliakim guardian | 3 42 |
| Milliken, William | 68 54 | Norton, N. B. | 27 74 |
| Milliken & White, | 254 60 | Noyes, Manthano est., | 23 18 |
| Mitchell, N. O. est., | 293 93 | Nudd, F. W. | 20 10 |
| Mitchell, Mrs. N. P. | 19 00 | Oakland Man'fg Co., | 112 10 |
| Mitchell, J. S. | 333 93 | O'Brien, Wm. est., | 27 36 |
| Mitchell, Joseph L. | 46 80 | Oliver, Luther M. | 12 12 |
| Mitchell, Jos. L. & Co. | 75 43 | Oliver, W. H. & G. A. | 11 40 |
| Mitchell, Isaac S. | 47 84 | Osgood, J. K. | 19 24 |
| Mitchell, Jacob | 16 68 | Page, Eleazer | 5 13 |
| Mitchell, Joseph | 14 96 | Palmer, D. C. | 85 27 |
| Mitchell, Frank | 11 55 | Palmer, Moody | 10 26 |

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| Palmer, Wm. | \$84 17 | Potter, Mrs. Jane | \$3 42 |
| Palmer & Co., | 26 60 | Potter, S. H. | 10 90 |
| Palmer, Frank | 8 13 | Potter, Amos H. | 16 60 |
| Park, A. L. | 59 85 | Pray, Eliphalet | 65 21 |
| Parkhurst, E. W. | 40 05 | Pray, M. W. F. | 4 90 |
| Parsons, Alonzo | 30 74 | Preble, Hiram | 78 73 |
| Parsons & Son, | 51 30 | Purrington, J. F. | 18 39 |
| Partridge, C. H. | 190 44 | Purshard, Chas. H. | 8 13 |
| Partridge, Jesse | 123 98 | Putnam, Chas. L. | 10 41 |
| Patten, F. P. | 56 80 | Ray, Geo. H. | 18 20 |
| Patterson, Adah | 12 35 | Reed, Warren | 53 92 |
| Peacock, Geo. | 34 35 | Reed, Robinson | 98 95 |
| Peacock, Simon | 6 42 | Reed, R. & G. | 15 58 |
| Peacock, Martin | 27 89 | Reed, Thos. R. | 9 08 |
| Peacock, Edward | 17 25 | Reed, Jesse | 11 55 |
| Peacock, Joseph | 25 77 | Reed, Geo. W. | 22 00 |
| Peacock, Ansyl | 17 16 | Reed, Aug. | 2 85 |
| Peacock, Daniel B. | 12 83 | Reynolds, James | 19 00 |
| Pierce, M. T. | 6 84 | Richards, F. G. | 307 96 |
| Peacock, Wm. | 12 69 | Richards, John T. | 191 10 |
| Peacock, John W. | 15 35 | Richards & Co., | 1,332 66 |
| Peacock, James W. | 4 90 | Richards, Wm. F. | 139 23 |
| Peaslee, Cora E. | 5 13 | Richardson, Oran | 94 21 |
| Pease, A. S. | 56 20 | Richardson, Mrs. Betsy | 23 94 |
| Perkins, Wm. | 44 42 | Richardson, Emeline | 10 73 |
| Perry, Joseph | 264 72 | Richardson, Amos | 15 01 |
| Perry, Lincoln | 217 32 | Richardson, R. A. | 17 70 |
| Pettygrew, Lyman | 13 45 | Ricker, Hiram H. | 13 26 |
| Philbrick, O. P. | 8 13 | Rines, James P. | 15 82 |
| Philbrick, D. F. | 8 13 | Ring, Amasa S. | 93 34 |
| Phillips, M. C. | 36 63 | Ring, Wm. S. | 179 70 |
| Pike, Mrs. Parthenia | 13 68 | Ring, Wm. H. | 57 71 |
| Pike, Miss Harriet A. | 46 17 | Rittal, P. H. | 13 30 |
| Plaisted John | 85 02 | Robbins, Chas. A. | 15 39 |
| Pierce, Mrs. M. T. | 7 60 | Robbins, Everett E. | 22 00 |
| Pike, J. B. | 7 16 | Robbins & Sons, | 59 85 |
| Plimpton, A. F. | 76 19 | Robinson, James M. | 15 26 |
| Plummer, S. L. | 23 94 | Roberts, John est., | 13 68 |
| Pollard, Stephen | 5 13 | Robinson, P. S. | 95 16 |
| Pope, Robert | 40 42 | Robinson, Andrew S. | 9 84 |
| Pope, Sam'l F. | 22 00 | Robinson, Wm. H. | 12 73 |
| Pottle, David | 8 13 | Robinson, Edward | 116 24 |
| Potter, Albert | 24 41 | Robinson, Edward adm'r | 7 60 |
| Potter, James | 20 10 | Rollins, Oliver C. | 222 10 |
| Potter, James 2nd, est., | 18 81 | Rogers, G. S. | 34 16 |
| Potter, Ansyl | 20 04 | Rogers, G. L. | 72 45 |
| Potter, Leander C. | 16 30 | Rogers, G. S. & G. L. | 186 20 |
| Potter, R. H. | 6 42 | Rogers, W. D. | 48 88 |

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| Ross, Robert B. | \$19 55 | Snell, Jason | \$38 58 |
| Royal, Wm. | 32 26 | Snow, Geo. W. | 42 37 |
| Ryan, Dennis | 30 84 | Spaulding, Hankerson | 3 42 |
| Runnels, J. C. | 16 68 | Spear, Wm. est., | 19 00 |
| Runnels, L. G. | 6 42 | Spear, Alfred est., | 7 60 |
| Sabin, John B. | 38 53 | Spear, W. H. | 14 21 |
| Sager, Robert, A. | 120 04 | Spear, Rebecca | 5 70 |
| Sanborn, Ezra | 7 60 | Sprague, Josiah est., | 10 45 |
| Savage, Jacob | 7 37 | Sprague, Anthony | 15 16 |
| Sawyer, Ellen | 25 65 | Spencer, Humphrey | 4 90 |
| Sawyer, Ivory est., | 8 55 | Stackpole, Aaron | 13 49 |
| Sawyer, Alvin | 61 24 | Stackpole, Aaron jr. | 23 71 |
| Sawyer, Ezekiel | 58 48 | Stackpole, Chas. T. | 99 95 |
| Sawyer, Henry R. | 159 84 | Stackpole, Leander | 5 37 |
| Sawyer, Ozro L. | 13 26 | Stanford, Jordan | 24 89 |
| Sawyer, Rufus H. | 37 62 | Stanford, E. D. | 5 85 |
| Scammon, Harriet | 39 90 | Stevens, Jabez | 20 56 |
| Scribner, Harvey | 159 18 | Stevens, D. M. | 15 83 |
| Seabury, R. B. | 31 50 | Stevens, Chas. M. | 10 94 |
| Shaw, Benj. est., | 19 00 | Stevenson, Susan | 13 68 |
| Shaw, Wm. B. | 22 42 | Steward, G. S. | 22 47 |
| Shephard, Geo. W. | 18 87 | Steward, W. S. | 19 48 |
| Sherman, S. D. | 6 42 | Stinson, S. C. | 23 52 |
| Schuman, J. L. | 42 90 | Stoddard, J. L. | 22 00 |
| Silver, Frank | 16 87 | Stone, John | 122 74 |
| Siphers, Joseph | 29 12 | Stone, B. F. est., | 19 00 |
| Siphers, S. W. | 20 76 | Strout, A. K. P. | 8 70 |
| Scott, Thomas | 6 42 | Swan, S. A. E. | 101 27 |
| Small, Harrison | 58 67 | Swan, C. D. | 43 13 |
| Smiley, R. M. | 19 00 | Swan, Christina | 33 25 |
| Smiley, Sumner | 72 34 | Swan, Harriet | 59 85 |
| Smith, Jane | 5 70 | Swift, Chas. | 205 73 |
| Smith, Amasa | 6 84 | Swift, A. J. est., | 5 70 |
| Smith, S. Tryon | 13 26 | Swift, Hiram | 6 42 |
| Smith, Wm. A. | 17 04 | Sylvester, W. A. | 14 97 |
| Smith, Josiah M. | 49 17 | Tarbox, Louisa M. | 5 70 |
| Smith Bros., | 58 10 | Tarbox, John E. | 75 39 |
| Smith, Hugh W. | 33 10 | Tarbox, Ann M. | 23 75 |
| Smith, A. T. | 58 10 | Tarbox, S. W. | 146 45 |
| Smith & Gardiner, | 46 17 | Tapley, Wm. H. | 3 19 |
| Smith, E. A. | 6 41 | Taylor, Silas H. | 12 50 |
| Smith, Samuel | 13 39 | Thomas, Jedediah | 16 62 |
| Smith, Wm. R. | 18 39 | Thomas, E. G. | 3 42 |
| Smith, Isaac S. | 9 85 | Thurlow, C. L. est., | 19 00 |
| Smith, Benj. S. | 13 26 | Thurlow, Danville | 21 53 |
| Smith, John 2d | 18 68 | Tibbetts, J. R. | 5 13 |
| Smith, Chas. J. | 19 34 | Titus, Chas. O. | 14 40 |
| Smith, Wm. B. | 6 80 | Tobey, Joseph est., | 4 75 |

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| Tower, Sam'l | \$27 13 | Wentworth Spring Co., | 138 70 |
| Towle, John S. | 22 00 | Wentworth, G. M. | 31 31 |
| Towle, Geo. L. | 30 55 | Wentworth, C. A. | 14 40 |
| Townsend, S. W. | 27 80 | Wentworth, C. C. | 28 65 |
| Tozier, J. B. | 21 56 | Wentworth, David | 14 40 |
| Troop, Alex. | 24 90 | Wentworth, Geo. R. | 12 41 |
| Trafton, Elbridge | 26 37 | Weston, J. R. | 28 42 |
| Trask, Chas. F. | 6 33 | Weymouth, L. B. | 16 68 |
| Trufant, L. C. | 3 95 | Wharff, Wm. R. | 45 46 |
| Trott, Freeman | 150 95 | Wheeler Brothers, | 68 40 |
| Turner, S. W. | 22 00 | Wheeler, Mrs. Eliza | 8 55 |
| Tucker, I. N. | 35 87 | White, Charles A. | 201 55 |
| Tucker, I. N. & Co. | 239 40 | White, James D. | 74 82 |
| Tyler, Elbridge S. | 20 10 | White, C. A. & J. D. | 370 50 |
| Universalist Society, | 1 90 | White, Russel | 6 84 |
| Vannah, I. G. | 181 22 | White, Drusilla | 6 84 |
| Vannah, C. H. | 11 55 | Whitman, C. S. | 32 68 |
| Varriell, John S. | 87 36 | Whitmore, N. M. | 342 81 |
| Viney, Geo. W. | 29 22 | Whitmore, Stephen | 194 81 |
| Wadsworth Brothers, | 54 71 | Whitmore, C. W. | 98 09 |
| Wadsworth, M. S. est., | 12 35 | Whitmore, N. M. est., | 19 00 |
| Waite, Peter | 12 44 | Whitmore, Sarah | 39 33 |
| Waite, Hiram | 154 62 | Whitmore, H. S. | 5 70 |
| Waite, Joseph est., | 9 98 | Whitmore, A. M. | 7 60 |
| Wakefield, Henry | 8 55 | Whitmore, N. J. | 24 56 |
| Wakefield, H. D. | 31 97 | Whitmore, John T. | 5 85 |
| Wakefield, Fred M. | 60 19 | Whitney, Abel | 35 15 |
| Wakefield, Chas. E. | 18 86 | Whitney, B. D. | 18 39 |
| Walker, James | 59 53 | Whitney, Olive | 24 70 |
| Walsh, Mary A. | 87 87 | Wight, Wm. est., | 8 55 |
| Walton, Chas. P. | 19 38 | Wiles, William | 25 23 |
| Ward, Edward Y. | 4 90 | Willey, John O. | 39 39 |
| Ware, Charles | 7 79 | Wiley & Moore, | 13 68 |
| Webber, Eugene B. | 33 87 | Williams, Benaiah | 29 81 |
| Webb, John | 55 86 | Williams, Joseph | 32 53 |
| Webb, James E. | 13 74 | Williams, James | 26 94 |
| Webber, Fred | 10 79 | Williams, James 2d, | 31 12 |
| Webster, H. S. | 37 20 | Williams, Alfred | 28 65 |
| Webster, Daniel | 14 92 | Williams, Rufus | 13 26 |
| Weeks, Samuel L. | 29 88 | Williamson, R. est. | 90 63 |
| Weeks, George B. | 8 13 | Williamson, Virginia | 35 15 |
| Weeks, George A. | 4 14 | Wilson, Sanford | 35 11 |
| Weeks, Shem | 17 10 | Wilson & Johnson, | 89 30 |
| Weeks, John L. | 15 16 | Wing, A. E. | 146 07 |
| Weeks, Dan'l est., | 19 00 | Winslow, Philip | 27 32 |
| Welch, Joseph W. | 23 99 | Winslow, P. H. | 22 95 |
| Wells, E. H. | 17 16 | Witham, James | 10 26 |
| Wentworth, H. M. | 73 77 | Winthrop, Aaron | 4 42 |

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| Wood, A. M. | 12 64 | Woodcock, John | 5 13 |
| Wood, W. M. | 72 35 | Worcester, Olive | 75 24 |
| Wood, Edwin C. | 5 85 | York, D. C. | 16 68 |
| Woodward, Michael | 81 60 | Young, Betsy J. | 356 25 |
| Woodward, Asa | 42 75 | Young, Asbury | 67 60 |
| Woodcock, J. F. | 158 80 | | |

NON-RESIDENT TAXES.

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| Abbott, James estate, | | Cutts, William H. | |
| Pittston, | \$51 30 | Richmond, | 11 96 |
| Allen, Charles E. | | Castner, Mrs. E. A. | |
| Boston, | 22 61 | Bermuda, | 39 52 |
| Allen, H. F. | | Eastman, Sheppard | |
| Farmingdale, | 68 97 | Boston, | 5 13 |
| Blake, S. P. est., | | Elton, Mrs. M. A. | |
| East Pepperell, Mass., | 5 70 | Cambridge, | 4 37 |
| Brower, W. W. | | Emerson, Jacob | |
| New York, | 41 80 | California, | 15 20 |
| Bridge, S. J. & N. W. trustees, | | Fox, Michael M. | |
| Boston, | 11 40 | Augusta, | 27 36 |
| Burgess, A. & F. trustees, | | Foy, J. H. | |
| New York, | 1 90 | (Res. unknown) | 19 00 |
| Burgess, S. K. Albany, | 5 70 | Furbush, Rebecca | |
| Brown, James A. Saco, | 2 66 | (Res. unknown) | 2 47 |
| Burnham, M. R. | | Galvin, Mary A. Cal., | 1 90 |
| West Gardiner, | 19 00 | Gay, Chas. Fitchburg, | 37 62 |
| Douglass, E. C. | | Glazier, Mary A. | |
| West Gardiner, | 59 85 | Jacksonville, | 14 25 |
| Dudley, Ambrose | | Goodrich, Bernard | |
| Litchfield, | 11 97 | West Gardiner, | 11 40 |
| Dearborn, Ellen A. | | Goodwin, Sarah P. | |
| Brooklyn, N. Y., | 19 00 | Boston, | 11 40 |
| Dixon, Thomas | | Grant, Wm. Pittston, | 4 27 |
| Bennington, N. H. | 9 50 | Green, Mrs. M. R. | |
| Chadwick, H. K. | | Tottenville, Staten I'ld, | 20 90 |
| Farmingdale, | 1 90 | Hamlin, A. W. Litchfield, | 17 10 |
| Childs, George H. | | Hancock, J. & L. | |
| Trenton, N. J., | 42 75 | Boston, | 17 10 |
| Colburn, S. S. | | Hanscomb, W. S. Bath, | 41 04 |
| New York, | 41 04 | Haseltine, Wm. B. | |
| Collins, Wesley | | Brookline, Mass., | 5 70 |
| Farmingdale. | 34 20 | Hickey, Michael | |
| Church, Walter R. | | Whitefield, | 14 63 |
| Farmingdale, | 4 27 | Huntington, Benjamin | |
| Church, James | | Augusta, | 51 30 |
| Farmingdale, | 4 27 | Jackson, Margaret Lynn, | 38 00 |
| Cummings, Mary | | Jackson, James A. | |
| Pittston, | 5 13 | Farmingdale, | 51 30 |

Tax List.

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| Jewett, Hartley W. | | Sewall, S. J. Everett, | 22 80 |
| Farmingdale, | 397 86 | Smith, Luther Richmond, | 17 10 |
| Johnson, R. E. | | Smith, Mrs. M. E. | |
| Farmingdale, | 165 30 | Portland, | 47 02 |
| Kipp, Mrs. M. J. | | Stone, J. & J. T. | |
| Albany, | 1 90 | Farmingdale, | 254 22 |
| Lapham, Mary Pittston, | 5 13 | Stilphen, A. C. | |
| Kimball, E. N. Boston, | 27 36 | Farmingdale, | 1 42 |
| Malcomb, J. T. | | Storrs, Mrs. E. K. | |
| West Gardiner, | 8 55 | Albany, | 47 50 |
| McCausland, Oscar | | Storrs, Miss Maria | |
| Farmingdale, | .3 42 | Albany, | 11 40 |
| Merriam, E. C. | | Storrs, Leonard K. | 1 90 |
| Hanover, N. H., | 5 70 | Swain, F. & Co. | |
| Moore, Albert Chelsea, | 4 75 | Farmingdale, | 28 50 |
| Moore, S. G. Boston, | 19 00 | Temple, Morrill | |
| Moore, David Pittston, | 13 68 | Richmond, | 5 70 |
| Moulton, Oliver Pittston, | 5 13 | Tasker, E. D. Pittston, | 19 00 |
| Moulton & Cutts, Pittston, | 3 42 | Tarbox, James Boston, | 5 70 |
| Moore & Brown, Pittston, | 21 66 | Tarbox, Geo. & James | |
| Mitchell, John | 8 55 | Bangor, | 32 49 |
| Noble, David A. Boston, | 6 84 | Taylor, Ann Bangor, | 7 60 |
| Newbert, H. K. Pittston, | 34 20 | Trott, Charles H. | |
| Nutting, Lucy K. | | Richmond, | 5 13 |
| Chicago, | 41 80 | Wakefield, H. G. | |
| Palmer, G. S. | | West Gardiner, | 26 60 |
| Washington, | 19 00 | Wakefield, M. & H. G. | |
| Partridge, Wm. Lynn, | 13 68 | West Gardiner, | 51 30 |
| Peacock, Benj. Richmond, | 3 80 | Wakefield, George W. | |
| Peacock, Wm. H. | | West Gardiner, | 3 42 |
| Farmingdale, | 15 39 | Waterhouse, W. C. | |
| Perry, Bradford Boston, | 9 50 | Farmingdale, | 7 60 |
| Plaisted, F. A. | 44 46 | Woods, Noah Bangor, | 23 94 |
| Portland & Ken. R. R., | 186 39 | Woodward, Preston E. | |
| Pratt, S. J. B. est., | | California, | 9 50 |
| Washington, | 9 50 | Woodward, Sarah S. | |
| Richardson, Rob't Starks, | 11 97 | Boston, | 19 00 |
| Russell, Julia G. | | Whitney, William | 1 90 |
| Jacksonville, | 3 80 | Glazier, S. B. Hallowell, | 59 85 |

SINGLE POLLS—THREE DOLLARS EACH.

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| Adams, E. S. | Andrews, S. W. | Atkins, W. S. |
| Addison, Avery | Andrews, Mell | Averill, Chas. W. |
| Albee, H. C. | Anne, Frank W. | Ayer, Frank T. |
| Allen, Edwin W. | Anne, Walter | Ball, Chas. W. |
| Aliff, Peter K. | Ashton, W. H. | Babb, John |
| Aliff, Geo. R. | Atkins, Ezekiel | Bacher, R. G. |

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| Bachelder, Hiram | Chase, John E. | Elwell, M. C. |
| Bachelder, Nathan | Chestley, John L. | Esmond, Geo. F. |
| Bachelder, C. E. | Clark, W. T. | Esmond, J. B. |
| Bachelder, Chas. H. | Clark, R. G. | Ewer, J. D. |
| Bachelder, Aug. | Clark, Dow | Farrington, Henry |
| Baker, Byron | Clary, Chas. F. | Farrow, Frank D. |
| Barker, Elijah W. | Clary, John H. | Foster, A. G. |
| Barker, Eugene A. | Clary, Palmer | Foy, Samuel |
| Barron, Jas. E. | Clason, O. B. | Fuller, George M. |
| Barron, W. H. | Clason, P. R. | Gallyon, James H. |
| Bartlett, Wm. M. | Colburn, J. G. | Gammon, T. J. |
| Bates, I. N. | Coffee, Michael | Gardiner, W. W. |
| Bassett, John A. | Cowan, J. Frank. | Gardiner, W. H. |
| Baxter, Fred E. | Cowan, Abiud | Gardiner, Fred B. |
| Beals, Geo. A. | Covey, D W. | Getchell, Charles A. |
| Beedle, Van R. | Cragin, John | Gilbert, Wm. |
| Berry, John A. | Crummett, Girard | Gillpatrick, V. F. |
| Berry, John W. | Cunningham, Wm. | Gillpatrick, Chas. W. |
| Berry, Chas. H. | Curtis, James E. | Glass, J. P. |
| Blake, John F. | Curtis, Sam'l W. | Glazier, Joseph A. |
| Blake, Edward L. | Curtis, G. D. | Goodwin, B. F. |
| Blaisdell, Frank | Cutts, Sam'l W. | Goodwin, F. B. |
| Blaisdell, Chas. | Cuttsliff, E. C. | Goodwin, Levi |
| Blanchard, O. M. | Dale, Nicholas | Goodwin, A. Scott |
| Blodgett, Warren W. | Dale, John L. | Gowell, Augustus |
| Booker, James F. | Davis, Walter D. | Grant, Benson |
| Bornd, Cato | Day, Wilbur F. | Gray, Elbridge N. |
| Bonner, Albert | Day, Wm. H. | Gray, Fred |
| Bowie, A. G. | Dearborn, G. Frank | Gray, F. R. |
| Bowley, W. C. | Dill, Henry F. | Gray, Wm. H. |
| Boulter, John | Dill, B. U. 2d, | Gray, Charles F. |
| Bowman, E. H. | Dill, Fred W. | Gray, Ichabod |
| Bradstreet, D. N. | Dodge, Asa L. | Gray, Danville L. |
| Briggs, A. D. | Dodge, Nathau F. | Grover, Otis |
| Brown, Thos. O. | Dow, Stephen H. | Green, W. D. M. |
| Brown, Wm. | Douglass, Chas. A. | Hamblin, C. G. |
| Brown, C. F. | Douglass, John W. | Hamblin, H. W. |
| Buker, John S. | Dorr, W. M. | Hamilton, H. C. |
| Burr, Edgar N. | Doyle, Thos. H. | Haines, David H. |
| Burns, John | Dudley, Augustus | Harden, James |
| Burgess, G. W. G. | Dudley, Myrick | Harden, Arthur |
| Burgess, A. B. | Dudley, Ambrose | Harriman, W. H. |
| Buzzell, C. H. | Dunlap, R. W. | Harriman, W. C. |
| Carol, Geo. E. | Eastman, Reuben J. | Harriman, Chas. W. |
| Carroll, Jos. B. | Eldridge, Justin | Harriman, Herbert |
| Carey, Hosea H. | Eldridge, Richard | Harriman, W. S. |
| Coss, Frank G. | Ellis, Frank | Hatch, W. H. |
| Chandler, Chas. W. | Elwell, Amasa | Hathaway, G. E. |

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| Haines, Hiram | Kirk, John P. | Nash, John M. |
| Heath, Warren | Kirk, Walter S. | Nash, Burt |
| Hirlyha, John J. | Knights, G. W. | Neal, A. G. |
| Hinkley, W. H. | Lander, John | Neal, Willis |
| Hildreth, W. A. | Lander, Wm. | Neville, John |
| Hitchins, F. E. | Latham, Harvey | Newell, John F. |
| Hollis, W. E. | Law, Sanford G. | Nickerson, H. M. |
| Holmes, John H. | Lawrence, M. W. | Nickerson, Geo. A. |
| Holt, William | Lawrence, Chas. F. | Nickerson, Jos. R. |
| Holt, Valentine | Lewis, Edwin E. | Nickerson, Robert |
| Horn, James | Long, C. M. | Nichols, Watson |
| Howland, John | Lowell, James H. | Niles, Rufus jr. |
| Hoyt, James W. | Lunt, Chas. F. | Niles, Robert H. |
| Hurlburt, L. G. | Lunt, John | Noble, Everett |
| Hutchins, A. jr. | Maddox, Enos F. | Nolan, Thomas |
| Hutchinson, S. W. | Marr, C. H. | Noyes, Fred M. |
| Huntington, H. E. | Marshall, Luther | Norton, Samuel |
| Huntington, L. | Marston, B. R. | Nute, T. B. |
| Jackins, Wm. M. | Marston, Warren E. | O'Brien, Thos. |
| James, Loring S. | Marson, S. D. | O'Brien, W. H. |
| Jaquith, Orrison D. | Marble, D. N. | Oliver, G. A. |
| Jewett, James A. | May, N. A. | Oliver, Melvin |
| Jewett, A. K. P. | Maxcy, J. S. | Oldham, Chas. |
| Jewett, W. H. | McCausland, A. W. | Packard, A. J. |
| Jewett, John | McCurdy, John | Parkhurst, W. G. |
| Johnson, Joseph | McGrotta, David | Palmer, W. C. |
| Johnson, James | McGrotta, Wm. | Palmer, Sewell J. |
| Johnson, Chas. H. | McGugin, T. J. | Page, Fred A. |
| Johnson, Frank E. | McKean, John W. | Page, A. C. |
| Jordan, Thos. P. | McNamara, Michael | Page, Uriah |
| Jordan, Thos. M. | McMasters, Alex. | Patten, Parker |
| Jordan, Harry | Meador, Chas. | Packard, Edward S. |
| Jordan, Joseph A. | Meador, Fred | Paine, M. F. |
| Jordan, Israel S. | Meigs, Geo. R. | Parsons, C. F. |
| Jordan, Asa | Merrill, W. H. | Peacock, Josiah L. |
| Jordan, Geo. W. | Merrill, John B. | Peacock, Chas. C. |
| Kendall, John L. | Milliken, F. E. | Pearson, Andrew |
| Kellett, S. R. | Mink, John H. | Perkins, George |
| Keene, James W. | Moore, Wm. H. | Perry, Authur L. |
| Kenny, Theodore | Moore, Dexter F. | Peterson, John M. |
| Kimball, Chas. W. | Moore, John A. | Philbrook, W. L. |
| Kimball, Aug. H. | Moore, A. L. | Phillips, H. M. |
| Kincaid, Clarence | Morang, Geo. E. | Phillips, Soloman B. |
| King, Jos. C. | Morrell, E. W. | Pickering, M. S. |
| King, Louis S. | Merrill, Frank O. | Pickering, Chas. |
| King, Chas. D. | Marston, John | Pierce, Geo. H. |
| Kinsella, Nicholas | Moulton, John P. | Pierce, Jefferson S. |
| Kirk, Chas. H. | Murphy, Edward | Plaisted, R. C. |

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| Pollard, Chas. E. | Small, C. H. | Troop, Wilbur |
| Potter, W. F. | Smart, Alfred | True, A. C. |
| Potter, Jos. E. | Smith, C. W. | Wadsworth, F. A. |
| Potter, David | Smith, Edward | Wadsworth, M. C. |
| Potter, Roscoe H. | Smith, Frost W. | Wakefield, S. A. |
| Potter, Elbridge | Smith, Chas. E. | Walsh, John |
| Pray, Geo. H. | Smith, Alfred | Ward, Patrick H. |
| Preble, E. S. | Smith, E. C. H. | Ward, James A. |
| Preble, J. W. | Smith, John T. | Ware, John W. |
| Prescott, M. V. | Smith, Geo. L. | Ware, C. F. |
| Purrington, Frank | Smith, L. K. | Washburn, G. M. |
| Purnell, E. A. | Snowdell, Geo. | Waters, Frank L. |
| Reed, Geo. E. | Spaulding, F. A. | Webber, Elias |
| Reed, Andrew | Spear, Chas. H. | Webber, Chas. W. |
| Reed, P. G. | Sprague, J. Frank | Webber, Elbridge |
| Richards, Harry | Sprague, A. C. | Weeks, Wm. H. |
| Richardson, S. B. | Sprague, Geo. | Weeks, John H. |
| Ridley, Newton J. | Springer, Jos. M. | Welch, Eugene E. |
| Ridley, Martin | Stanley, Leander | Wells, Haines D. |
| Ridout, James | Stanford, Joseph | Weymouth, S. K. |
| Rinds, Sanford S. | Stackpole, Geo. H. | Wheeler, Merton L. |
| Ring, B. F. | Stevens, Warren S. | Wheeler, Augustus |
| Ripley, Jotham J. | Stevens, David S. | Wheeler, John F. |
| Ripley, John A. | Stevens, Sam'l H. | White, George |
| Roberts, Edwin II. | Stevens, Henry H. | White, H. G. |
| Roberts, John | Stevens, Geo. W. | Whitmore, S. C. |
| Robinson, John W. | Swift, John H. | Whitmore, D. F. |
| Robinson, Jasper R. | Stevenson, Martin L. | Whitmore, B. J. |
| Robinson, Chas. W. | Stevenson, B. F. | Wight, Chas. H. |
| Robinson, Fred W. | Stetson, Chas. H. | Wight, Warren W. |
| Robinson, Jas. F. | Steward, Chas. H. | Wiles, Everett |
| Robbins, Albert | Steward, A. Fred | Wiles, John M. |
| Rollins, John | Stilphen, L. Z. | Winslow, C. B. |
| Ruck, Geo. | Stone, Geo. H. | Winslow, Otis A. |
| Royal, G. A. | Stone, Harry J. | Wilkins, H. R. |
| Sawyer, Fred W. | Stone, Chas. B. | Williams, R. |
| Savage, W. C. | Strong, David P. | Williams, G. W. |
| Savage, C. M. | Swift, Jeremiah | Williams, C. H. |
| Schuman, A. T. | Talbot, Lewis F. | Williams, Chas. D. |
| Sedgerly, John W. | Thomas, John | Wing, Mellen |
| Scribner, F. D. | Thompson, W. A. | Witham, G. W. |
| Sherman, D. L. | Thompson, Sanford | Wood, Geo. L. |
| Sherman, Silas D. | Thurlow, H. J. | Wood, Ray T. |
| Siphers, Herbert O. | Tibbits, Mark | Woodward, I. W. |
| Simmons, A. R. | Tobey, Benj. | Woodward, Geo. H. |
| Small, Everett B. | Tobey, W. H. | Wyman, A. T. |
| | Totman, Alonzo | |

SUPPLEMENTARY.

| | | | |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| Harden, Chas. H. | \$3 00 | Wharff, Wm. R. | 22 80 |
| Paine, S. P. | 6 80 | Bradstreet, A. J. & Co. | 7 60 |
| Trott, Freeman | 3 80 | Keene, Willis | 3 00 |
| Kenniston, M. E. | 64 98 | | |

COMPARATIVE VALUATION.

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| Total Valuation for 1876..... | \$2,484,368 00 |
| Total Valuation for 1877..... | 2,306,821 00 |

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| Loss for 1877..... | \$177,547 00 |
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| Number of Polls in 1876 with property | 572 |
| Number of Polls in 1876 without property..... | 403 |
| | — 975 |

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| Number of Polls in 1877 with property | 541 |
| Number of Polls in 1877 without property..... | 445 |
| | — 986 |

A gain for 1877 of 11.

Rate per cent. of taxation for 1877, 1.9.

CITY GOVERNMENT, 1878.

J. B. DINGLEY, Mayor.

ALDERMEN.

JOHN WEBB, President.

Ward 1—JAMES WALKER.

“ 2—P. S. ROBINSON.

“ 3—WM. PERKINS.

“ 4—E. G. HOOKER.

“ 5—JOHN WEBB.

“ 6—VAN R. BEEDLE.

COUNCILMEN.

H. S. WEBSTER, President.

Ward 1.

J. C. LANDER,

E. BERRY,

W. H. CURTIS.

Ward 2.

C. H. MARR,

A. TROOP,

A. FULLER.

Ward 3.

S. W. TARBOX,

C. A. WHITE,

ASBURY YOUNG.

Ward 4.

WM. LUNT,

J. C. GODDING,

R. T. HAYES.

Ward 5.

H. S. WEBSTER,

HARVEY SCRIBNER,

AUGUSTUS BAILEY.

Ward 6.

FRED E. BAXTER,

HUGH W. SMITH,

WM. A. LAWRENCE.

CHAS. O. WADSWORTH,

City Clerk and Clerk of Board of Aldermen.

GUSTAVUS MOORE,

Clerk of Common Council.

CONSTABLES.

| | |
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| Ward 1—E. B. Hinkley. | Ward 4—Wm. Peacock. |
| “ 2—J. H. Bailey. | “ 5—J. Thomas. |
| “ 3—W. M. Hattin. | “ 6— |

WARDENS.

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| Ward 1—Frank Purrington. | Ward 4—Andrew Berry. |
| “ 2—S. Lane. | “ 5—E. W. Atwood. |
| “ 3—S. W. Tarbox. | “ 6—Jabez Stevens. |

WARD CLERKS.

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| Ward 1—Wm. H. Houston. | Ward 4—A. E. Andrews. |
| “ 2—Wm. E. Hollis. | “ 5—Fred Gray. |
| “ 3—H. G. White. | “ 6—Stillman Libby. |

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Finance.

Aldermen Walker and Robinson ; Councilmen Ray, Young and
Bailey.

On Laying Out Streets.

Aldermen Beedle and Walker ; Councilmen Young, Scribner and
Smith.

On Accounts and Claims.

Aldermen Webb and Perkins ; Councilmen White, Berry and
Curtis.

On Schools and School Districts.

Aldermen Beedle and Robinson ; Councilmen Bailey, Ray and
Baxter.

On Public Buildings.

Aldermen Robinson and Webb ; Councilmen Troop, Lunt and
Lander.

On Fire Department.

Aldermen Perkins and Beedle ; Councilmen Lunt, Fuller and
Curtis.

On Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Aldermen Hooker and Webb ; Councilmen Berry, Scribner and
Lawrence.

On Poor Department.

Aldermen Perkins and Hooker ; Councilmen Fuller, White and Berry.

On Engrossed Ordinances.

Aldermen Robinson and Hooker ; Councilmen Marr, Hayes and Ray.

On Printing.

Aldermen Webb and Beedle ; Councilmen Lander, Bailey and Hayes.

On Burying Grounds.

Aldermen Hooker and Perkins ; Councilmen Tarbox, Baxter and Troop.

On Street Lights.

Aldermen Walker and Hooker ; Councilmen Scribner, Marr and Young.

Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

D. C. Palmer, John Webb, Van R. Beedle.

City Marshal,
Elbridge Berry.

City Solicitor,
H. S. Webster.

City Physician,
A. K. P. Strout.

City Treasurer,
S. Bowman.

City Collector,
Jos. Siphers.

Street Commissioner,
A. E. Andrews.

Chief Engineer Fire Department,

B. A. Neal.

Second Engineer,
Jasper Robinson.

Third Engineer,
Geo. W. Gardiner.

Assistant Engineers,

Ward 1—J. M. Colson.

Ward 4—C. M. Stevens.

“ 2—J. H. Bailey.

“ 5—M. C. Wadsworth.

“ 3—E. H. Flint.

“ 6—J. W. Lawrence.

Truant Committee,

G. M. Wentworth,

Freeman Williams

F. D. Harmon.

Harbor Masters,

O. M. Blanchard, B. A. Neal.

School Committee,

J. M. Larrabee, 1 year, D. C. Palmer, 2 years,
H. S. Webster, 3 years.

Directors of High School.

David Wentworth, John Berry, Augustus Bailey.

Directors of Public Library,

Wm. Palmer, 1 year, H. K. Morrell, 2 years,
M. C. Wadsworth, 3 years, H. S. Webster, 4 years,
James Nash, 5 years.

City Auditor,

Chas. H. Marr.

Weigher and Gauger,

David Dennis.

Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.

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| A. Hopkins, | Wm. Peacock, | Joshua Gray, |
| R. B. Caldwell, | J. P. Moulton, | Wm. Milliken, |
| W. C. Palmer, | E. Berry, | O. Danforth, |
| F. D. Harmon, | F. Williams, | James Williams, |
| F. B. Curtis, | Joseph Siphers, | A. Troop. |
| | Tolman Grover, | |

Surveyors of Lumber,

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| J. A. Berry, | James Walker, | Daniel Gray, |
| Benj. Jordan, | George Gray, | O. G. Andrews, |
| D. C. Palmer, | C. B. Clapp, | Fred T. Bradstreet, |
| Fred A. Berry, | H. A. Gray, | Chas. Lawrence, Jr., |
| S. S. Davis, | E. Berry, | Wm. Libby, |
| Fred E. Baxter, | Joshua Gray, | E. W. Atwood, |
| N. T. Goodwin, | Sherburne Lawrence, | J. S. Bradstreet. |
| I. W. Woodward, | R. T. Hayes, | D. N. Bradstreet. |

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

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| Philip Winslow, | J. W. Robinson, | Sherburne Lawrence. |
| M. L. Chamberlain, | J. R. Lincoln, | B. U. Dill, |
| S. W. Tarbox, | S. N. Maxcy, | John Stone, |
| Edward Robinson, | J. K. Foy, | S. S. Davis, |
| Stillman Libby, | J. A. Berry, | Henry L. Wilkins, |
| Fred Gray, | E. Berry, | Wm. M. Wood, |
| J. Thomas, | Fred E. Baxter, | I. W. Woodward. |

Measurers of Logs,

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| Arthur Berry, | Joshua Gray, | Benj. Jordan, |
| D. C. Palmer, | Sherburne Lawrence, | I. W. Woodward. |
| H. A. Gray, | Daniel Gray, | |

Superintendents of Burying Grounds,

S. W. Townsend, Eben Libby, Sherburne Lawrence.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, *Weigher of Beef,*
C. E. Bachelder. Amasa Ring.

Measurers of Stone,

I. W. Woodward, A. E. Andrews.

Inspector of Leather, *City Bell Ringer,*
Myrick Hopkins. Cyrus Anne.

Weighers of Hay, Coal and Grain,

George M. Holmes, Fuller Dingley, H. J. Stone,
John Stone, B. U. Dill, Fred Gray,
M. L. Chamberlain, David Dennis, F. Swain.
C. H. Marr,

City Crier, *Pound Keeper,* *City Agent,*
Dan'l Dunton. H. C. Hamilton. N. B. Norton.

Weighers of Ice,

Wm. A. Lawrence, Chas. H. Capen, Asbury Young,
A. G. Davis, O. B. Clason, A. G. Bowie,
George Perkins, C. H. Marr, Joseph B. Esmond,
G. H. Stone, Chas. H. Maxcy, C. W. Waitt,
S. S. Davis, H. J. Stone, Fred Willey,
A. H. Jordan, Wm. Perkins, C. E. Bachelder,
C. B. Clapp, Wm. H. Houston, W. J. Landers.
J. R. Rollins,

Night Watch,

J. M. Colson, S. C. Stinson.

Special Police,

Freeman Williams, S. C. Stinson, J. M. Colson,
Alf. H. Mooers, Ford B. Curtis, Edgar E. Siphers.
B. U. Dill, Jr.,

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1878.

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| Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks..... | \$5,500 00 |
| Common Schools | 3,500 00 |
| High School | 2,000 00 |
| School House Repairs..... | 300 00 |
| Poor and Insane..... | 3,000 00 |
| Fire Department | 1,800 00 |
| Police | 1,100 00 |
| Public Library..... | 500 00 |
| Interest | 5,100 00 |
| Contingent | 1,900 00 |
| Lighting Streets and City Rooms | 500 00 |
| Soldiers Monument and Repairs on Common.. | 500 00 |
| Reservoir on Washington Street | 250 00 |
| City Bond in aid of Railroad, with Coupons .. | 1,240 00 |
| City Bonds due July 1st..... | 2,000 00 |
| City Bond paid in 1877 and unprovided for... | 500 00 |
| To pay balance on New School House]...... | 2,500 00 |
| Salaries..... | 1,875 00 |
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| | \$34,065 00 |
| State Tax | 8,726 67 |
| County Tax..... | 4,159 76 |
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| | \$46,951 43 |